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Discrimination, Detention, and Deportation: Immigration & Refugees

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While political opposition and the courts have stymied efforts to restart asylum at the border, uphold refugee law, and restore U.S. leadership in protecting the human rights of refugees, the administrations inertia and mistaken policy choices have undermined asylum and endangered asylum seekers, said **Michael Breen, President and CEO of Human Rights First**. At the same time, we have witnessed some movement in the processing of people forced to flee from Ukraine and Afghanistan. Refugees fleeing danger and persecution, whatever the color of their skin or the country they come from, deserve the protections of asylum. We will continue our work to defend asylum and welcome people in need of refuge.

In the past few months:

From researching at the U.S.-Mexico border, representing asylum seekers throughout the country, collaborating with Afghan-American community leaders, engaging with human rights defenders at the Polish border, to bringing litigation in courts and advocating on Capitol Hill, our work has shown us the strength and bravery it takes for refugees to make the life-changing decision to seek protection.

It is time they are provided with the dignity they deserve and the legal protections they are owed under U.S. and international law, including the 1951 Refugee Convention and its Protocol

World Refugee Day is observed on June 20 of every year; it is a day designated by the United Nations to honor refugees around the globe and celebrate the courage of people who have been forced to flee their home countries to escape conflict or persecution.

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