



# OSG IN BRIEF

This first report submitted by the Lead Inspector General for Operation Southern Guard (OSG) summarizes U.S. Government efforts to stand up operations to support the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in the transportation, detention, and housing, of illegal aliens at Naval Station Guantánamo Bay (NSGB).

## DoD Names New Illegal Alien Holding Operation Among Wider Border Initiatives

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- **1/20/2025:** President Trump declared a **national emergency** at the **U.S. Southern border**.
- **1/29/2025:** The President directed the DoD to **expand migrant holding** operations at **NSGB**.
- **2/4/2025:** The first **10 illegal aliens** arrive at NSGB.
- **12/31/2025:** **708 illegal aliens** had been **transferred to NSGB** since the start of OSG.

## Funding for OSG

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### DoD costs:

- **\$60.6M** obligated and **\$35.2M** disbursed during FY 2025
- **\$8.7M** ≈ Estimated FY 2025 costs to hold illegal aliens.
- **\$708,020** ≈ Cost per illegal alien flight.

### DHS:

- **\$17.8M** estimated costs for illegal alien holding operations at NSGB through October.

## Interagency Roles Under DHS-led Operations

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- The **DHS**, as Lead Federal agency for OSG, is responsible for **processing, control, and safeguarding** illegal aliens at NSGB.
- **DoD** support focuses on facility support, **logistics, transportation, and security**.
- The DoD manages prisoners at NSGB apprehended since the **9/11 terrorist attacks**, who are **segregated from OSG** facilities and personnel.
- **State** coordinates with other Federal agencies in negotiating with other countries to accept **illegal aliens removed** from the United States.

## Illegal Aliens Must Meet DHS and DoD Criteria for Transfer to NSGB

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- Illegal aliens must have a court-mandated **final order of removal** from the U.S.
- Additionally, illegal aliens must have a connection to **transnational drug** or other **criminal groups**.

## DoD Identifies Challenges in OSG Support

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- DoD continued use of **existing contracts** for base operations will **increase baseline costs**.
- Existing **logistics support** at NSGB **insufficient** for DHS requirement for **24/7 flight support**.
- USTRANSCOM said its support to OSG has been “impacted by significant **operational friction**.”
- Funding delays during the **Federal government shutdown** impacted travel to and from NSGB.
- Illegal aliens and personnel supporting OSG were **evacuated** in October after a **hurricane; no illegal aliens** arrived to NSGB for 7 weeks after.

## DoD and DHS Illegal Alien Transfer Flights

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- The DHS completed **28 charter flights** to NSGB and **54 charter flights departing** from NSGB at a cost of about **\$12M** since OSG began.
- USTRANSCOM conducted **31 flights** with DoD assets during the reporting period, costing nearly **\$22M**.

## Oversight and Investigations

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- In October, the Lead IG established an **interagency working group** focused on OSG-related policies, programs, and operations.
- Planned DoD OIG projects related to OSG include an audit on **DoD security, medical, and logistical** support to DHS-led operations at NSGB.
- Lead IG and partner agency investigative branches had **1 open investigation** related to OSG.