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Rep. Yassamin Ansari speaks with reporters outside the Eloy Detention Center on May 29, 2025.

Arizona Rep. Yassamin Ansari and nine other members of Congress are demanding federal authorities answer their concerns about the Trump administration's deportation of military veterans.

[In a letter](#) to the secretary of Defense, the secretary of Veterans Affairs and the secretary of Homeland Security, Ansari demands to know the current number of veterans facing deportation, as well as the number of veterans who've already been deported since President Donald Trump took office in January.

It also asks the feds to detail what immigration case assistance and information is being offered to veterans swept up in Trump's efforts to deport immigrants.

The letter cites estimates that 10,000 or more veterans have been deported so far.

Among those facing deportation [is a two-tour Arizona army vet](#) detained by ICE in January.

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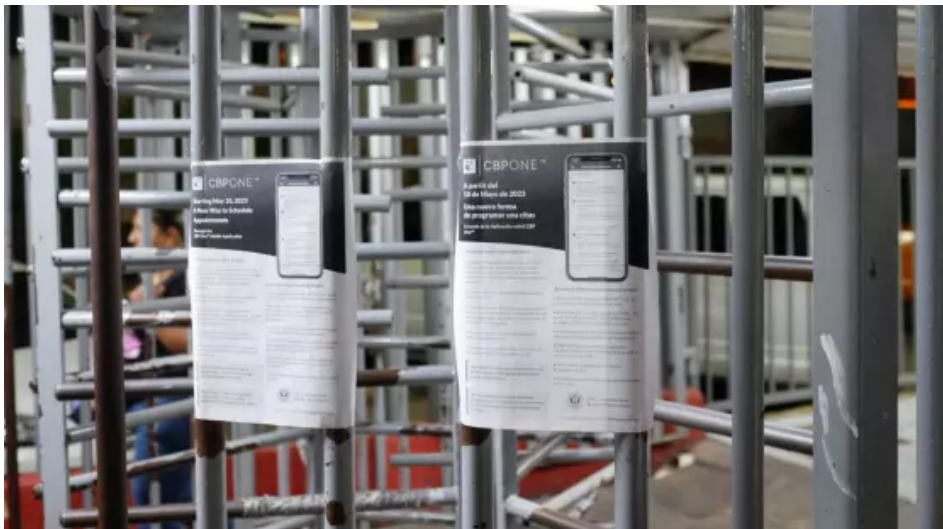
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