# Rwanda enters talks with US on accepting deported migrants amid contentious policy



Rwanda has confirmed that it is in the initial stages of discussions with the United States regarding the potential acceptance of migrants deported from the US. This declaration was made by Rwanda's Foreign Affairs Minister Olivier Nduhungireh, who articulated the country's belief in providing migrants with "another chance."

The talks have emerged in the context of US Secretary of State Marco Rubio's statement last month, where he indicated that the US administration is "actively searching" for countries willing to accept individuals deemed difficult or problematic within the American context. Rubio specifically referred to these individuals as "some of the most despicable human beings," highlighting the contentious nature of the proposed migrant policy.

Nduhungireh emphasised that the discussions with the US were not entirely novel for Rwanda. He noted that the country had previously engaged in similar agreements to accept migrants deported by the United Kingdom. However, the UK initiative faced significant legal challenges and was ultimately abandoned following the election of Keir Starmer's Labour government in July, which altered the political landscape and approach towards immigration policy.

As these talks unfold, the implications for Rwanda, the United States, and the prospective migrants remain to be seen. Rwanda's position as a potential host for deported individuals will likely attract scrutiny and may invoke varying perspectives both domestically and internationally.

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