

Blanche Engochan biography

Blanche Engochan fled Cameroon to save her life. Ms. Engochan sought asylum at the U.S. southern border in February 2019. After being forced to wait in Mexico for several weeks as a result of the Administration's metering policy, she presented herself to Customs and Border Protection officers at the San Ysidro port of entry to ask for asylum. She was placed in expedited removal proceedings and spent nearly two weeks in CBP custody before being turned over to ICE. She passed her credible fear interview and was subjected to mandatory detention. She was detained for the majority of the time at the Adelanto detention center in CA and denied parole despite having an aunt in MD who has lawful permanent residence. An immigration judge granted her asylum in late August 2019 and she was finally released from immigration detention after more than six months in custody. She now lives with her aunt in Maryland.