



Trash City: 'Sky High' Rat-Infested Trash Piles Found in Los Angeles Raise Concerns about Typhus

Los Angeles: Homeless people in tent cities have created “sky-high” piles of rotting trash that attracts rats and has led many people to worry about a new outbreak of typhus, or other diseases like salmonella and even the bubonic plague. The city’s most notorious trash pile, located between downtown LA’s busy Fashion and Produce districts, continues to be a magnet for rats. The city is ignoring the rat population that is out of control.

NBC4 reported Monday that “sky-high” piles of rotting trash were found around Los Angeles, leading some to worry about a new typhus outbreak.

“Even the city’s most notorious trash pile, located between downtown LA’s busy Fashion and Produce districts, continues to be a magnet for rats after it was cleaned up months ago. The rodents can

carry typhus-infected fleas, which can spread the disease to humans through bacteria rubbed into the eyes or cuts and scrapes on the skin, resulting in severe flu-like symptoms," the outlet reported.

NBC4's investigative team said it previously had informed LA Mayor Eric Garcetti's office about some of the trash piles in October. The piles they referred to were cleaned up, "but conditions have worsened over the next seven months" the outlet reported. When NBC investigators reported another trash pile, it was told it could be three months before the garbage was removed.

The trash piles – and the rats attracted to them – can cause numerous health problems for the surrounding population. Dr. Jeffrey Klauser, a professor of medicine in the division of infectious diseases at the University of California-Los Angeles, told the media outlet that a growing rat population could spread diseases like salmonella and even the bubonic plague.

"Trash and food waste attracts rats," he said. "It does pose a public health risk."

NBC

4 reported that New York City and Washington, D.C. are handling their rat problems. D.C. is apparently experimenting with rat bait laced with contraceptives.

Last year, Los Angeles County reported a record number of typhus cases – 124. Between 2013 and 2017, LA County reported an average of 60 cases per year, which NBC4 said was double the number of the previous five years. Typhus, [according to](#) the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), is spread through contact with infected flea feces (one may not know they have had such contact). Symptoms of typhus include fevers and chills, muscle pain, loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting, stomach pain, cough, and a rash. Severe cases, left untreated, can cause liver, kidney, heart, lung, and brain damage.

NBC's investigative team discovered typhus-infected fleas "on animals waiting to be adopted at the North Central Animal Shelter. The outlet has also [posted drone footage](#) of the "most notorious trash pile," which stretches nearly a block between LA's fashion and produce districts.

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US Food Companies Demand That EPA Take Action to Stop Spraying of Glyphosate on Foods Just Before Harvesting

A coalition of American food companies that oppose using glyphosate weed killer to dry out food crops prior to harvest plan to march on Washington DC to demand that the EPA take action. The food companies, including Stonyfield Organic, One Degree Organic Foods, Ben & Jerry's, Grandy Oats Real Granolas, PCC Community Markets, Patagonia Provisions, Lundberg Family Farms, MegaFood, Mom's Organic Market, and Clif Bar, will deliver a petition to the EPA that explains that the continued use of glyphosate as a pre-harvest drying agent is contaminating America's food supply with a known cancer-causing chemical. [The EPA has known this for a long time, so the purpose of the march is to create publicity that will create public pressure to force the agency to do what it is supposed to do.] -GEG

Mark your calendars for May 23. For this is the day that [a coalition of environmentally-conscious, human health-focused, integrity-driven American food companies](#) is planning to march on Washington, D.C., to demand that the

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) finally take action to stop the pre-harvest spraying of food crops with Monsanto's toxic glyphosate herbicide.

Stonyfield Organic, One Degree Organic Foods, Ben & Jerry's, Grandy Oats Real Granolas, PCC Community Markets, Patagonia Provisions, Lundberg Family Farms, MegaFood, and Mom's Organic Market, and Clif Bar, along with many members of the public, will join one another in solidarity to hand-deliver [a petition](#) to the EPA explaining, among other things, that the continued use of glyphosate as a pre-harvest drying agent is massively contaminating America's food supply with a known cancer-causing chemical.

As announced [by Sustainable Pulse](#), the petition also highlights how the EPA's outdated stance that glyphosate is "safe" flies in the face of more up-to-date findings by the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), a division of the World Health Organization (WHO), [that glyphosate is a probable human carcinogen](#).

On May 23 at Freedom Plaza, located just around the corner from EPA headquarters, these food companies and their allies in the fight for

health freedom will hold a rally with live music, speakers, and plenty of free samples before marching over to hand-deliver their petition, along with more than 80,000 public comments from members of the public who also support the demands made in the petition.

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Migrants Seize Paris Airport Terminal: “France Does Not Belong to the French!”

Paris, France: Approximately 500 undocumented African migrants stormed Terminal 2 of the Charles de Gaulle airport. They were organized by the migrant-support group “La Chapelle Debout.” A leader of the group was heard yelling into a loudspeaker that France does not belong to the French and that everyone has a right to live there. They called for Prime Minister Édouard Philippe to give them permanent legal status while also demanding that Air France “stop any financial, material, logistical or political participation in deportations.” The

siege ended without arrests, which will encourage similar actions in the future. -GEG

Yesterday, hundreds of undocumented migrants took control of Terminal 2 of the Charles de Gaulle airport in Paris France. Approximately 500 migrants seized the terminal.

“France does not belong to the French! Everyone has a right to be here!” one person can be heard yelling into a loudspeaker.

The protest was organized by the migrant support group “[La Chapelle Debout](#),” which said their members call themselves “Black Vests.”

The group comes amid the country’s months-long “Yellow Vests movement” over tax reforms; French citizens are required to carry yellow vests in their vehicles for emergencies. ([source](#))

A quick-thinking person took video, which has been widely shared across Twitter.

[#Update:](#)

Just in – Video of the moment these 400 African illegal immigrants stormed in the terminal of the Charles de Gaulle Airport in [#Paris](#). [#France pic.twitter.com/vPaxkpseDz](#)

– Sotiri Dimpinoudis ☐☐ (@sotiridi) [May 19, 2019](#)

Here's some follow-up video.

[#Breaking](#): Just in – Reports that undocumented immigrants are protesting in the Charles de Gaulle Airport in [#Paris](#) right now and won't let people board their flights until they meet and talk with with the prime minister Édouard Philippe of [#France](#), Riot CRS police on the scene. pic.twitter.com/fextoWCS6S

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Migrants warn it won't stop here.

The organized group released an official statement and warned this will not be the last effort such as this.

In an official statement, the group asked to meet with Prime Minister Edouard Philippe over the country's asylum policy and the leaders of Air France. They demanded that the airline “stop any financial, material, logistical or political participation in deportations.”

Later Sunday, an Air France delegation met with the group, a member [told local newspaper Le Parisien](#).

A migrant who took part in the protest warned it wouldn't be the last.

“We have targeted Air France, and other actions will follow,” he told the paper. ([source](#))

All of the migrants involved appear to have a common thread.

[#Update:](#)

Just in – All of these undocumented immigrants are from African decent, and are demanding that prime minister Édouard Philippe, will give all of them permanent legal status and papers to stay in [#France](#). And saying we will not leave Charles de Gaulle Airport in [#Paris](#). pic.twitter.com/lWLonHL6ww

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This is not an isolated incidence of migrants behaving badly. Here's [another example](#) and [another still](#).

What an incredibly dangerous precedent

The migrants are reported to have refused to allow passengers to board their planes until their demands were met. They were held back by riot police but actually got a meeting with a representative of Air France.

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