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Thanks for sharing. The concept that the cases being brought by African asylum seekers are being tried by "weaponized Southern courts", if true, is incredibly disturbing.

Vernelle- Glad you were able to give the taxi driver a lesson on the impact of overstays!

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Sometimes the loudest voices are the one that percolate through the noise.

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Thanks for flagging.

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As an aside, while I was at home, I used three Lyft drivers who were Cameroonians. One said he was in the United States illegally; he came on a visa six years ago and stayed. He then complained about why his friends could not get visas. I flat out told him (diplomatically of course) that it was people like him that made it difficult to do so since he had violated our laws, a point he agreed with and actually laughed about. He then went on about waiting for his papers "to get fixed."

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FYI – Article in Foreign Policy on Cameroonian deportations. Weblink:  
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