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The World Press Photo Contest 2026 once again confirms its role as one of the most important platforms for contemporary visual storytelling, unveiling an edition deeply rooted in urgency, humanity, and political reality.

At the center of this year’s announcement is the **Photo of the Year**, awarded to Carol Guzy for her image *“Separated by ICE”*, produced for the *Miami Herald*. It’s a photograph that doesn’t attempt to aestheticize suffering, but rather confronts it head-on — raw, immediate, and impossible to ignore.

Captured inside the Jacob K. Javits Federal Building in New York, one of the few US federal spaces where photographers were granted access, the image shows a devastating moment: a family torn apart by immigration enforcement. Luis, an Ecuadorian migrant with no criminal record according to his family, is detained by Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents immediately after a court hearing. Behind him, his wife and children collapse into a moment of shock that feels suspended in time.