

#MuslimBan Resource Guide

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Overview

President Trump signed an Executive Order (EO) barring travel and immigration to the United States on Friday, January 27th, 2017. The EO, which took immediate effect, targeted individuals from seven countries: Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, and Yemen. Despite being dubbed the 'Muslim Ban,' Trump's executive order impacts all communities from the seven nations, regardless of individuals' religious or ethnic backgrounds. However, the ban adds an unprecedented 'religious test' component for anyone seeking refuge that bars Muslims fleeing persecution. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) detained, deported, and restricted individuals from traveling to the United States, including those already mid-flight.

The ban impacted individuals with varying immigration statuses, including: refugees, lawful permanent residents (also known as LPRs or green card holders), and non-U.S. dual nationals. Many individuals from, or born in, the Southwest Asian, South Asian, North African, and East African regions, outside of the seven banned countries, were also detained and eventually released.

In the days following the signing of the EO, hundreds of lawyers, translators, and other volunteers attempted to obtain clarity in an effort to protect individuals targeted by the ban. This guide aims to serve as an additional resource to targeted individuals, though it is by no means a replacement for legal or organizational support. Please utilize this guide in conjunction with proper legal representation as each individual case may be affected differently by the ban.

This guide is the result of a collaboration between various individuals and organizations in an effort to provide the most reliable and up-to-date information on President Trump's executive order. All information will be made available in Arabic, Persian, Somali, Urdu, and Western Armenian, thanks to the generosity of volunteers.

The purpose of this guide is to:

- Inform any individuals affected by the 'Muslim Ban' of their rights and any resources available to them
- Provide necessary practical measures to people who are or may be affected by the ban
- Direct people on where and how to take action against the ban, including sample call scripts for contacting their Members of Congress
- Offer helpful links to additional guides and resources available through various legal, advocacy, and direct service organizations

Individuals seeking additional resources or information may contact bannedlives@iranianalliances.org or info@ajammc.com. This guide was compiled by a coalition of organizations, including [Ajam](#)

[Media Collective](#), [Iranian Alliances Across Borders \(IAAB\)](#), [Iraqi Transnational Collective \(ITC\)](#), [Palestinian Youth Movement \(PYM\)](#), [Southwest Asian & North Afrikan - Los Angeles \(SWANA-LA\)](#), [SWANA Rising for Collective Liberation \(SRCL\)](#), as well as over 100 volunteers.

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Key Points:

- The ban affects citizens from **Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, or Yemen**.
- If you are a **U.S. citizen**, you cannot be deported or banned from re-entry if you leave the United States. However, you may be subject to additional questioning or screening. There are reports of US citizens being questioned about their social media upon re-entry.
- If you are **not a U.S. citizen**, it is strongly advised that you *consult an immigration lawyer* before making any plans for international travel.
- The following advice applies to non-citizens with specific circumstances:
 - **Green Card/Legal Permanent Resident (LPR):** If you have a green card or are a legal permanent resident, it is recommended that you consult with an immigration attorney prior to international travel plans. If you're outside of the US,

you should also consult with an immigration attorney since you may be subject to the ban. If you are detained upon re-entry, **do not sign the I-407 form**, even under pressure. *Doing so will relinquish your green card.*

- **Dual Nationality:** If you are a dual national citizen from one of the listed countries and not a U.S. citizen (i.e. British-Somali; French-Syrian), it is possible you will be denied entry regardless of which passport you use. There are conflicting statements regarding this issue, therefore, it is advisable not to travel outside the United States without contacting an immigration attorney at this time.
- **Undocumented:** If you are undocumented and living in the U.S., consult an immigration attorney as they can advise you on immigration options and any potential risks. Make sure that you have any relevant documents available and secure in case of deportations; compile a list of contact information that includes trusted friends, colleagues, and loved ones; have someone in place to take care for children and elderly family members. **Do not open the door for federal or local law enforcement. Always ask to see a warrant.** You can ask for the warrant to be slid under the door. If you have an attorney, inform federal or local law enforcement to contact your attorney.
- **Student, Scholar, or Worker:** If you are a student, scholar, or worker, and your visa is sponsored by your institution, organization, or company, and you are required to leave and re-enter the U.S., the Executive Order calls for a 90-day ban on immigrant and nonimmigrant entry into the US. Students in particular can contact their university Designated School Official (DSO) and an immigration attorney to see if they are eligible for Optional Practical Training (OPT) or national interest waiver.
- **Visa Holder:** If you are a citizen of one of the 7 affected countries and you currently have a valid, approved visa but are outside the U.S., you may still face trouble upon returning. The following visas will not be approved for re-entry (this list is NOT exhaustive):
 - B1/B2: visitor visa
 - H visa: temporary workers
 - K-1 visa -fiancé
 - J visa- exchange visitors/trainee
 - Q visa educational and cultural, exchange program, cultural/tourist
 - V visa- spouses and children of LPR visitors

Additional Guidance:

The good folks at [Muslim Advocates](#) have composed [this useful fact sheet](#) on the “Muslim Ban” and [this community guide](#) that says how you will be affected and what you ought to do.

Another good comprehensive guide organized by the [American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee \(ADC\)](#), which includes both a legal interpretation of the order as well as a guide on talking points and how to contact your representative, can be found [here](#).

More Information on Refugees, Immigrants, and Trump's Executive Order is also available in the following [document](#).

ACLU's Writ of Habeas Corpus and the Stay Ruling

The ACLU and other immigrant advocacy organizations filed numerous cases across the country challenging various portions of the Executive Order and how it has been implemented. All of these cases have so far been preliminarily successful, and have resulted in a number of court orders that have temporarily blocked enforcement of the Order. In New York, a federal judge issued a “nationwide temporary injunction that will block the deportation of all people stranded in U.S. airports under President Trump’s new Muslim ban.” In Boston, a federal judge issued a more expansive ruling preventing not just deportations of individuals covered by the ban, but also secondary screenings and detentions. The full implications of these orders are still unclear, as these cases are still pending.

Despite this, there have continued to be reports of people being subjected to extra screening, detained, and deported following detention. At this point, individuals who suspect they may be covered by the Executive Order should still be very cautious when making travel plans, and should consult immigration attorneys regardless.

For more information about the legal status of the federal challenges, follow this [link](#). For more information about the New York challenges, follow [this link](#) regarding the case and click [here](#) for the text of the petition.

Information for Detainees

If someone you know is detained at an airport, **call your local ACLU hotline**. You can find that information [here](#). You can also contact the ADC Legal Department for immediate advice at (202) 244-2990. Do not leave the U.S. before speaking to an attorney.

- If you are **at SFO Airport (CA)**
 - OneJustice is on-site with legal support - you can reach out via Twitter ([@onejusticeorg](#))
- If you are **at LAX Airport (CA)**
 - Call the ACLU of Southern California’s hotline at (213) 977-5245.
- If you are **at JFK Airport (NY)**
 - Contact JFK attorneys through email (JFKneedalawyer@gmail.com), Twitter ([@nobanjfk](#)), or through their hotline (1-844-326-4940)

- Mayor Cuomo's Hotline: 1-888-769-7243

People Stranded in Transit:

- If you are in need of a place to stay, try [AirBnb](#), which seems to be [offering housing at no cost](#) to those affected by the ban.
- If you need to place a call, the app [Viber](#) will allow calls now to any landline or mobile between the U.S. and the 7 countries impacted by the ban, for free.
- If you are stuck in **Canada**, the immigration minister has said Canada will offer [temporary residency](#) to anyone stranded because of the Muslim ban.
 - If you are looking for somewhere to stay in **Toronto**, there is a group organizing volunteer housing: [Facebook](#), [Google Doc](#)
- If you are currently in transit and can contact your family members, contact them immediately so that they can find a attorney (if you do not have one already) for you before your arrival.
 - Attorneys at airports are handling all detained cases individually, and need to present a signed Form G-28 in order to prove the existence of an attorney-client relationship. Where possible, arrange to prepare a G-28 with an available volunteer attorney.
- If you have an attorney, contact them prior to landing in the U.S.
- If you believe you are at risk of persecution from your country of origin, be ready to request a credible fear interview at the U.S. port of entry (airport). You have a right to request an attorney at this interview.

If Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Shows Up at Your Door:

Via the ACLU Know Your Rights Initiative:

- Don't open the door, but be calm. You have rights.
- Ask what they are there for, and ask for an interpreter if you need one.
- If they ask to enter, ask if they have a warrant signed by a judge. An ICE administrative warrant (I-200, I-205) does not allow them to enter your home without your consent.
 - If they have a signed warrant, ask to see it (through a window or under the door)
 - If they do NOT have a warrant signed by a judge, you may refuse to let them in. Ask them to leave any information at the door.
- If they force their way in, do not resist. Tell everyone in the residence to remain silent.
- If you are arrested, remain silent and **do not sign anything until you speak to a lawyer.**

Resources:

For Free Legal Services

- *American Immigration Lawyers Association*: Lawyer search <http://www.aialawyer.org/>

- *Immigration Legal Directory (available in multiple languages):* <https://www.immigrationadvocates.org/nonprofit/legaldirectory/>
- *Immigration Advocates Network:* <https://www.immigrationlawhelp.org>
- *National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild's online find-a-lawyer tool:* <https://www.nationalimmigrationproject.org/find.html>
- *National Immigrant Justice Center:* Schedule a legal consultation by phone (312-660-1370) or email immigrantlegaldefense@heartlandalliance.org
- *The immigration courts' list of lawyers and organizations that provide free legal services:* <http://www.justice.gov/eoir/list-pro-bono-legalservice-providers-map>
- *Immigrant Legal Resource Center has a comprehensive online client intake form:* <https://www.ilrc.org/screening-immigrationrelief-client-intake-form-and-notes>
- Graduate students in the University of California system who are affected by the ban may also seek free legal counsel from UAW 2865. You can find contact information for your local chapter [here](#).
- *One Justice (for low-income Californians):* <https://onejustice.org/>

For Immigration Advice:

- CUNY CLEAR provide legal assistance to those needing immigration advice in New York. CC will provide assistance in Arabic, Bangla, English, French, Spanish, Urdu, and many other languages, and can do workshops at your local masjid. You can reach them at 718-340-4558.
- The American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC) offers pro-bono legal advice/assistance to Arab Americans on matters of immigration, profiling, and discrimination. You can reach them here: (202) 244-2990 or legal@adc.org

To Report Hate Crimes & Discrimination:

- The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) has a civil rights staff on hand that receive reports of discrimination on a daily basis and work to resolve them through mediation, negotiation, public pressure or, if necessary, through legal action. You can contact them at 312-212-1520 or civilrights@cairchicago.org.
- The Arab American Institute (AAI) offers lots of information of reporting and recognizing hate crimes and discrimination, including which organizations to contact for different types of discrimination (e.g. housing, in schools, employment, etc.).
- The Southern Poverty Law Center, allows you to report incidents of hate on their website, so that they can monitor incidents around the country. They ask that people first report hate crimes to the local police.

Translations: Guidance and Volunteer Opportunities

If you would like to volunteer your time as a translator or if you are an attorney that is seeking out a translator, fill out [this form](#).



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I am originally from Iran, Iraq, Libya, Syria, Somalia, Sudan, or Yemen and I do not have a U.S. passport:

I have...	I am inside the U.S.	I am outside the U.S.
A U.S. visa (for example, a B-1 business visa, a B-2 tourist visa, a K-1 fiancé visa, an E-1 employer-sponsored visa)¹	Do not leave the country unless your visa is expiring. If your visa is set to expire, or you can't meet its conditions, consult an immigration attorney to explore options.	You will not be admitted to the U.S. for the 90-day period set out in the Executive Order, and possibly longer. You may also be questioned extensively at the U.S. border, before being denied admission. ²
A U.S. permanent resident card (green card)	Do not leave the country. If you must travel, you may be barred from re-entering the U.S. or questioned extensively at the border regardless of how many years you have had your green card. Consult an immigration attorney before traveling.	You may be barred from re-entering the U.S. for the 90-day period set out in the Executive Order, and possibly longer, or questioned extensively at the border. ² Consult an immigration attorney <u>immediately</u> . And, at the border, do NOT sign any form abandoning your permanent residency (Form I-407).
I hold a passport from one of the countries listed above but I am using another country's passport (not U.S.)	Do not leave the country within your allowed period of stay if you need to re-enter later during that same period. Consult an immigration attorney before traveling.	You will not be admitted to the U.S. for the 90-day period set out in the Executive Order, and possibly longer.

THIS IS NOT LEGAL ADVICE – FOR LEGAL ADVICE, CONSULT AN ATTORNEY

¹ However, there is an exception for holders of the following U.S. visas, who will be admitted: diplomatic, NATO, C-2, G-1, G-2, G-3, and G-4 visas.

² For tips on border questioning, click [HERE](#).

Additional Actions, Resources & Outreach:

Local Advocacy

- **Translate at airports:** Persian and Arabic speakers in particular are in high demand, especially as for attorneys. Sign up below to assist attorneys on the ground at airports around the U.S.:
 - <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSecouJBDUSvoNbXDbWowSA74xuGdVE0uVluFmEelMe0v0TmVw/viewform?c=0&w=1>
 - **Academics Against Immigration Executive Order:** If you work in academia, you can add your name to a petition / letter of protest at the following link: <https://notoimmigrationban.com/>
- **Call your congressmen** to urge them to fight against the ban. Find out where your senators stand on the ban and how to contact them [here](#).
 - 1-866-940-2439 - Representative - Find your Representative [here!](#)
 - 1-866-961-4293 - Senators - Find your Senators [here!](#)
 -
 - Be quick and succinct! Here's a sample of what to say:
 - "I urge President Trump and Congress to direct Customs & Border Protection to end detention and return of refugees, and persons based solely on their religion and national origin to rescind this Executive Order. America has long been a place of refuge for the world's most vulnerable! Families should not be separated because of bigotry!"
 - Even if your representatives oppose the ban, it is useful to call and tell them how important repealing the ban is to you. Representatives are more likely to push hard on an issue if they know it is important to their constituents.
- **Donate** to the [ACLU](#), the [National Immigration Project of the National Lawyer's Guild](#) and [CAIR](#).
- **Write letters!** You can find sample letters to your Representative, Congress, and the White House at the end of [this document](#).
- **Tweet at President Trump!**
 - The AAI (Arab American Institute) and the ADC (American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee) are calling for people to use Twitter to tell Trump how they feel about the ban.
 - **Popular Hashtags:** #NoBanNoWall, #NoMuslimBan #MuslimBan #RefugeesWelcome

Mental Health Resources (National and Local):

- [Institute for Muslim Mental Health](#)
 - Find a Therapist: <http://www.muslimmentalhealth.com/mmh/directory>
- [Mental Health4Muslims](#)
 - Find a Therapist:
<http://mentalhealth4muslims.com/mental-health-directory/#&panel1-1>
- [Stones to Bridges](#) - Anonymous Counseling for Muslim Youth
- [NASEESHA](#) - Muslim Youth Helpline
- [National Alliance of Mental Illness](#) - Provides Referrals

- [Therapists of Color Referrall Share](#)
- [Muslim Alliance for Sexual and Gender Identity](#) - Referral Source for LGBTQ Muslims
- [Project Sakinah](#) - Directory for Muslim Therapists
- California:
 - [RAHAA](#), Northern California, Iranian American Nonprofit Mental Health Organization
 - [Khalil Center](#), Northern California, Counseling and Therapy Services
 - [UCSF Trauma Recovery Center](#), Northern California, Counseling and Therapy Services
 - [Muslim American Society- Social Services Foundation \(MAS-SSF\)](#), Sacramento, CA
 - [The Muslim Community Association of Santa Clara](#), CA
 - [El Camino Women's Medical Group](#), Mountain View, CA
 - [Omid Institute](#), Irvine, CA
- Minnesota:
 - [Minnesota directory for Mental Health Providers for Refugee Population](#)
- Oregon
 - [Oregon directory for Mental Health Providers for Refugee Population](#)
- Pennsylvania:
 - [Philadelphia Refugee Health Collaborative](#)
 - Philadelphia Refugee Mental Health Collaborative Project (PRMHC) www.culturalcommunities.org
- Washington DC:
 - [Potomac Muslim Counseling Link](#)

Local Resources for Refugees:

- The Refugee Center has provided information and guidance for refugees: <https://therefugeecenter.org/how-will-president-trumps-executive-order-affect-refugees/>
- Philadelphia, PA:
 - Nationality Services Center: <https://nscphila.org/>
- Dallas, TX:
 - Refugee Services of Texas: <http://www.rstx.org/dallas.html>

Stay Involved and Informed:

Social Media Accounts to Follow

ORGANIZATION	TWITTER	FACEBOOK
CUNY CLEAR	@CUNY_CLEAR	CUNYClear
CAIR (National)	@CAIRNational	CAIRNational

Muslim Advocates	@MuslimAdvocates	MuslimAdvocates
American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC)	@aayoub	ADCNational
Arab American Institute	@AAIUSA	ArabAmerican Institute
ACLU National	@ACLU	ACLU.Nationwide
JFK Attorneys	@NoBanJFK	
Muslim Anti-Racism Collaborative (Muslim ARC)	@MuslimARC	MuslimARC
OneJustice	@OneJusticeOrg	OneJustice

Talking Points on Immigration (Statistics and Policy)

- You can find additional information that can be useful in countering the arguments of proponents of the ban [here](#).
- Another one-page explanation of the ban can be found [here](#).