

□US Supreme Court Allows Trump Travel Ban While Cases Wind through □Lower □ Court□s□

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The Supreme Court is allowing the Trump administration to enforce a ban on travel to the US by residents of six mostly Muslim countries – Chad, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Syria and Yemen – despite legal challenges in lower courts. It is not clear what will happen when these cases clear the lower-courts. -GEG

President Donald Trump's travel ban is once again to largely go back into effect after the Supreme Court of the United States stayed two lower courts' injunctions Monday.

The orders come in response to **filings** by the Department of Justice Friday, **asking** the Supreme Court to stay the preliminary injunctions in the two main travel ban cases, **Hawaii v. Trump** in the Ninth Circuit and **International Refugee Assistance Project v. Trump** in the Fourth Circuit. These cases have been proceeding up and down the federal court system for months.

The district courts, **especially** that of Barack Obama-appointed District of Hawaii Judge Derrick Watson, have repeatedly ruled that the bans must be blocked from going into effect or must, in the interim, be interpreted in such a way as to have little effect on the list of mostly Muslim majority countries from which travel is prohibited under the

orders.

The petitions in the two cases were made to Justice Anthony Kennedy and Chief Justice John Roberts respectively. Only Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Sonia Sotomayor declined to sign on to the orders staying the Fourth and Ninth Circuits.

“This a substantial victory for the safety and security of the American people,” Attorney General Jeff Sessions said in statement after the orders were announced. He continued:

We are pleased to have defended this order and heartened that a clear majority Supreme Court has allowed the President’s lawful proclamation protecting our country’s national security to go into full effect. The Constitution gives the President the responsibility and power to protect this country from all threats foreign and domestic, and this order remains vital to accomplishing those goals.

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