

A Federal Judge Partially Lifts Trump's Refugee Ban

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President Trump's immigration ban includes a 90-day suspension of admission of refugees from 11 countries, and a full suspension of the so-called follow-to-join process, which reunites family members with refugees already in the US. However, US District Judge, James Robart of the federal court in Seattle, ruled that the federal government must process refugee applications for people "with a bona fide relationship to a person or entity within the United States." This ruling was in spite of the Supreme Court's ruling that Trump's ban was Constitutional. The lower court challenges were brought by a Jewish pro-immigration group and the ACLU.

A federal judge in Seattle has partially lifted the latest Trump administration ban on refugees.

U.S. District Judge James Robart of the federal court in Seattle on Saturday ruled that the federal government must process refugee applications for people "with a bona fide relationship to a person or entity within the United States."

The new set of restrictions on refugees include a minimum 90-day suspension of admission of refugees from 11 countries, nine of which are predominantly Muslim, and a suspension of the so-called follow-to-join process, which reunites family members with refugees already in the United States.

The ruling to allow the reuniting of refugees with family members in the United States was in response to two challenges **heard** in court on Thursday. One of the challenges – Jewish Family Service v. Trump, was brought by HIAS, the Jewish immigration advocacy group, on behalf of its partners, Jewish Family Service of Seattle and Jewish Family Services of Silicon Valley. The second case was ACLU of WA v. Trump.

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