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Perdue applauds travel ban reinstatement

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The U.S. Supreme Court offered the Trump administration half a loaf in its ruling yesterday on the president's revised travel ban.

In a statement issued soon after the court's decision, Trump said: "Today's unanimous Supreme Court decision is a clear victory for our national security".

On its final day before going on vacation, the court revived parts of Trump ban on people from six Muslim-majority countries that he said is needed for national security but that opponents decry as discriminatory.

Stop the presses! From the man bites dog department: The U.S. Supreme Court found something Monday on which all nine members can agree.

Perdue campaigned on his worldwide experience as an executive heading several foreign business operations.

On the other hand, the justices said, relationships created for the purposes of evading the travel ban will not be considered valid. The justices said immigrants from the six Muslim nations at issue could still enter the country if they had "a credible claim of a bona fide relationship with a person or entity in the United States". The six countries are Libya, Syria, Iran, Sudan, Yemen, and Somalia.

The ACLU represented plaintiffs in the Maryland case, in which a federal court struck down the President's travel ban. "I want people who can love the United States and all of its citizens, and who will be hardworking and productive". A man who had come to the country as a refugee, and who authorities believe may have been inspired by the Islamic State, injured almost a dozen people by running them over at Ohio State University in 2016.

The official who described the plans was not authorized to discuss them publicly by name and spoke on condition of anonymity. "Many of these individuals may not have 'bona fide relationships, ' but have strong reasons to look to the United States for protection". The Supreme Court narrowed the scope of those injunctions, saying the government could enforce its measure against "foreign nationals unconnected to the United States" without causing injury to the parties who filed suit.

The Iranian government did not immediately comment on the ban, which would apply to Iran and five other Muslim-majority countries.

“There’s no precedent for something like this that I’m aware of”, said Jeffrey Gorsky, a former legal adviser to the State Department’s Visa Office, referring to the new “bona fide” standard.

Between 1980 and 2015, no US resident who had come as a refugee was involved in a fatal terrorist attack, according to the Cato Institute, a libertarian organization.

All three spoke on condition of anonymity, fearing repercussions that could negatively affect their entry process.

“Hopefully, when the Supreme Court reconvenes in October to hear the case, it will strike down the executive order in its entirety”.

It’s unclear what will ultimately constitute a “bona fide relationship”, though the ruling suggested that an American job, school enrollment or a close relative could meet that threshold. This was to be a *temporary* ban, remember.

The fate of refugees, who often don’t have relatives or jobs waiting for them in the US, also hangs in the balance.

“An American individual or entity that has a bona fide relationship with a particular person seeking to enter the country as a refugee can legitimately claim concrete hardship if that person is excluded”, the Court wrote.