Dear students and scholars—

I’m contacting you because OIE records indicate that you were born in and/or are a citizen of Iran, Iraq, Somalia, Sudan, Syria or Yemen. As you may be aware, President Trump signed an Executive Order yesterday that impacts nationals (both nonimmigrants and green card holders/immigrants) from those countries.

We have posted a news item on the OIE website that links to the Order, a summary written by experts and a few key points for our community. There is no indication that this will have any impact to people within the US (no impact on OPT applications, for example) but it does impact travel. If you are a national of one of these countries, you cannot re-enter the US, EVEN IF YOU HAVE A VALID VISA, for at least the next 90 days. Based on this Order, we advise that you not depart the US while this order is in effect.

If you must travel (family emergency, for example), we recommend that you consult with your OIE advisor and you may also wish to consult with an immigration attorney.

Unfortunately, there are many questions raised by this Order and we do not have many answers. This administration is rolling things out very quickly. We will do our best to keep the news section of our website updated as more information becomes available. As this Order does appear to apply go green card holders, too, feel free to forward this message to friends or relatives you may know, as OIE does not maintain records about green card holders.

Travel to the US from the impacted countries has often been challenging, as many of you have experienced. We are saddened to see how much more difficult it has now become.

We hope that this temporary bar is truly temporary and that we will be able to send you that positive news in the not too distant future.

Sincerely,
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