

Trump travel ban preventing Yemeni mother from seeing dying son



San Francisco, December 18 (RHC)-- The travel ban imposed by U.S. President Donald Trump administration's on several Muslim countries is preventing a Yemeni mother of a 2-year-old boy on life support in a California hospital from coming to the U.S. to say goodbye to her dying son.

Abdullah Hassan, was born in Yemen and has a form of hypomyelination, a rare brain disease that initially impacted his ability to walk and talk and is now hindering his ability to breathe, according to The San Francisco Chronicle.

His father, a U.S. citizen who lives in Stockton, California, took him to a hospital about five months ago, where he has stayed since, the newspaper said. The family is reportedly prepared to take Abdullah off of life support. But they told the Chronicle that the U.S. State Department has ignored its attempts to give his mother, Shaima Swileh, a waiver to see him.

"All she wishes is to hold his hand for the last time," Abdullah's father, Ali Hassan, told the newspaper. "If I could take him off the ventilator and to the airplane, I would take him to her. I would let her see him. But he won't make it."

The State Department told the Chronicle that it does not explain details regarding specific cases. The Chronicle notes that his father was born in Yemen and moved to Stockton about 10 years ago. He met his wife in Yemen, where Abdullah was born.

American rights groups have harshly criticized the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to uphold President Donald Trump's controversial travel ban on several Muslim-majority countries.

The ruling allowed the Trump administration to enforce the travel ban on most citizens of Iran, Libya, Syria, Yemen, Somalia, Chad and North Korea, along with some groups of people from Venezuela.

During the 2016 presidential race, Trump campaigned for "a total and complete shutdown" of Muslims entering the United States on the pretext of preventing terrorist attacks.

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