



Over 100 #MuslimBanStories

In the two years since President Trump’s Muslim Ban went into effect, countless families have been needlessly separated, people have been denied access to lifesaving medical treatments, children have been denied their parents and grandparents, and people have missed the births, deaths, weddings, and funerals of loved ones.

Here are over 100 of their stories. Many of them are American citizens who live across the nation and are needlessly separated from their families.

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US CITY (IF AVAIL)	US STATE (IF AVAIL)	BANNED COUNTRY (IF AVAIL)	NARRATIVE	SOURCES	FOR MORE INFO
Anchorage	AK		Shokrollah Hassani is a permanent resident who is separated from his wife, who has been stuck in the visa process for three years.	in-it - https://app.in-it.com/missions/25/videos/158	Shiva Farrohki, in-it, shiva@in-it.com
Little Rock	AR	Yemen	Mohammed Al-Awadhi came to the U.S. in 2007 and is an internal medicine physician at a hospital in Little Rock, AR. His wife Rasha had her visa interview in Djibouti in Dec. 2017. Rasha was living in Sanaa at the time, and the nearby airport was no longer functioning. Despite having rheumatic heart disease and unreliable access to medicine, Rasha traveled for one month across risky desert borders and airline layovers in three different countries in order to get to Djibouti for the interview. Consular officers told her she would be granted a visa, but, when she returned to pick it up a few weeks later, they informed her it must be denied because the Muslim Ban had gone	https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/coveted-waivers-for-trumps-travel-ban-re-main-elusive-for-citizens-of-muslim-majority-countries/2018/05/22/d48cc8d8-48b6-11e8-827e-190efaf1f1ee_story.html	

			into effect. They were then told a waiver had been granted, but then received no response from the embassy.		
Tempe	AZ	Iran	Maral Charkhtab Tabrizi is a lawful permanent resident of the U.S. and an Iranian-American who is being denied the help and support of her Iranian parents as she raises a newborn and works a full-time job, all while suffering from a chronic and painful medical condition. She is a plaintiff in Emami v. Trump.	Muslim Advocates - https://www.muslimadvocates.org/meet-the-plaintiff-s-in-emami-v-nielsen/	Eric Naing, Muslim Advocates, eric@muslimadvocates.org
Tucson	AZ	Iran	Shaghayegh Ansari was born in Iran and lives in Arizona. His mother and his father, diagnosed with brain cancer, were prevented from coming to the U.S. to see their son.	ACLU - https://www.aclu.org/issues/immigrants-rights/shaghayegh-ansari	
San Jose	CA	Iran	Bamshad Azizi is a lawful permanent resident of the U.S. whose Iranian parents are recovering from cancer and surgery. Because of the Muslim ban, they may live the rest of their lives without being able to visit their family in the United States. Bamshad is a plaintiff in Emami v. Trump.	Muslim Advocates - https://www.muslimadvocates.org/meet-the-plaintiff-s-in-emami-v-nielsen/	Eric Naing, Muslim Advocates, eric@muslimadvocates.org
San Francisco	CA	Iran	Maryam Mozafari lives in California and wanted her parents, both of whom live abroad, to visit and provide support while she was pregnant. Even though her parents had visited the U.S. as recently as 2014 and left the country well in advance of the expiration of their visas, her father was forced to spend months submitting documents and navigating red tape only to have his visa denied. Her mother was only able to come visit for a short time because her husband, Maryam's father, suffers from a heart condition which requires that he be accompanied at all times. She is a plaintiff in Emami v. Trump.	Muslim Advocates	Eric Naing, Muslim Advocates, eric@muslimadvocates.org
Redlands	CA	Iran	Hani Fouladgar's sister is a medical school graduate living in Iran who is unable to come to the U.S. to be with her family.	National Iranian American Council	Donna Farvard, National Iranian American Council, dfarvard@niacouncil.org
San Francisco	CA	Iran	Hedieh Ekhlesi is a U.S. citizen living in California. Ekhlesi's parents are unable to visit because they can't obtain an immigrant visa.	National Iranian American Council	Donna Farvard, National Iranian American Council, dfarvard@niacouncil.org

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	CA	Iran	Nazanin Rsl is a U.S. citizen whose fiancé is unable to obtain a visa and come to the U.S.	National Iranian American Council	Donna Farvard, National Iranian American Council, dfarvard@niacouncil.org
Berkeley	CA	Iran	Marzieh Mirmobini is a permanent resident studying in the U.S. who is separated from his husband, who can't obtain a visa.	in-it - https://app.in-it.com/missions/25/videos/115	Shiva Farrohki, in-it, shiva@in-it.com
Los Angeles	CA	Iran	Ehsan Momeni lives in the U.S. on a student visa who is separated from his mother, who can't come to the U.S. to visit her son because of the Muslim Ban.	in-it - https://app.in-it.com/missions/25/videos/29	Shiva Farrohki, in-it, shiva@in-it.com
Oakland	CA	Yemen	Shaima Swileh's husband, Ali, is an American citizen. Their two-year-old son was dying of a degenerative brain condition, and Shaima's waiver application was pending. After intense social and traditional news media coverage, Shaima's waiver was granted and she was able to enter the U.S. to be with her son when he died.	https://www.nytimes.com/2018/12/18/us/yemen-mom-travel-ban-dying-son.html	
	CA	Yemen	Nageeb Alomari is a U.S. citizen whose Yemeni daughter who suffers from severe cerebral palsy. She can't speak or move on her own. She also needs to take medicine four to five times a day to keep her muscles relaxed and to keep her from having spasms. But she was living in Yemen, where there was a shortage of medicine. Nageeb went to Yemen to wait with his family for their visa application to be adjudicated. After a 5-minute interview in Djibouti, their visas were denied. One day before Supreme Court arguments about the ban, Shaema's waiver was approved. In May 2018, she arrived in the United States.	https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/coveted-waivers-for-trumps-travel-ban-remain-elusive-for-citizens-of-muslim-majority-countries/2018/05/22/d48cc8d8-48b6-11e8-827e-190efaf1f1ee_story.html	
	CA	Yemen	The 2-year-old son of Abdullah Hassan and Shaima Swileh was fighting a degenerative brain disease. Swileh, a Yemeni woman living in Egypt, struggled to obtain a waiver and was only granted one and allowed into the U.S. to embrace her son in his dying days after a great deal of publicity and public pressure.	https://www.courant.com/opinion/op-ed/hc-op-awa-n-trump-travel-ban-0203-20190203-sm7lbc2ui5esdcwf75plwyzudu-story.html	

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	CA	Yemen	An immigrant from Yemen living in the U.S. and working as a dentistry professor was diagnosed with leukemia. His relatives from Yemen needed to come to the U.S. to be matched as bone marrow donors but had trouble obtaining visas.	https://www.sgvtribune.com/2019/02/01/two-years-later-the-continuing-cost-of-the-muslim-ban/	
San Diego	CA	Somalia	The mother of Dhana Nur, a Somali immigrant, was denied a visa and has been separated from her son and his family.	https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/opinion/commentary/sd-utbg-muslim-ban-trump-20190131-story.html	
Bakersfield	CA	Syria	The mother of Angham Aldawood, who was hit by a car and has deteriorating health, has not been able to come to the U.S. to be with her daughter and her family.	https://www.bakersfield.com/news/bakersfield-family-seeking-to-bring-mother-from-syria-languishes-under/article_7db3237e-3166-11e9-90f8-73e08bf12159.html	
New Haven	CA	Sudan	Mohamed Eltoum, a student at Yale, was prevented from seeing his family and leaving the U.S. for two years.	http://features.yaledailynews.com/blog/2019/03/05/after-the-ban/	
La Jolla	CA	United Arab Emirates	MohammadReza Mirzaeian, a 75-year-old man living in the United Arab Emirates with failing health has not been able to join his wife and son in California.	https://www.voicesandiego.org/topics/news/under-the-travel-ban-a-qualcomm-engineer-has-struggled-to-bring-his-sick-father-to-the-us/	
Irvine	CA	Iran	Mehrshad Alexander Mehrdad is a U.S. citizen living in California. His fiancé can't get a visa to come live with him and the stress of her immigration circumstances is causing her mental and physical health problems.	https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2019/03/26/more-stories-hearts-broken-by-trumps-travel-ban/	
Azusa	CA	Syria	Laura Kakish is a U.S.-born citizen. Her husband previously lived in the U.S. for 16 years on a student visa and left after completing his education. However, now he can't get a visa to come live with his wife.	https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2019/03/26/more-stories-hearts-broken-by-trumps-travel-ban/	

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	CA	Iran	Mohammadhossein Moshkelgosha is a doctor living in Iran who passed the United States Medical Licensing Examination. He has been unable to come to the U.S. to live with his wife, a legal permanent resident of the U.S. since 2013.	https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2019/03/26/more-stories-hearts-broken-by-trumps-travel-ban/	
San Diego	CA	Iran	The elderly, ailing father of Sawyer Mirage, a U.S. citizen living in California, has not been able to obtain a visa to leave Iran and live with his family in the U.S.	https://www.voiceofsandiego.org/topics/news/under-the-travel-ban-a-qualcomm-engineer-has-struggled-to-bring-his-sick-father-to-the-us/	
San Diego	CA	Iran	Leili Mortazavi is an undergraduate student at the University of British Columbia and an Iranian citizen. She was chosen to present at the Society for Neuroscience (SfN) meeting in San Diego but was unable to obtain a visa.	https://arstechnica.com/science/2018/11/neuroscience-conference-highlights-travel-bans-effect-on-science/	
	CO	Iran	Dena Rezaie's parents live abroad and are unable to come to the U.S. to meet her husband or attend her graduation.	National Iranian American Council	Donna Farvard, National Iranian American Council, dfarvard@niacouncil.org
	CO	Iran	Maral Jalili is unable to travel abroad to see her parents and they are unable to come to the U.S. to see her.	National Iranian American Council	Donna Farvard, National Iranian American Council, dfarvard@niacouncil.org
	CO	Iran	Dena Rezaei's parents have been unable to come to the U.S. to see their daughter and her husband, who they have never met.	National Iranian American Council	Donna Farvard, National Iranian American Council, dfarvard@niacouncil.org

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Washington	DC	Syria	Said Hajouli, a trainee doctor from Aleppo, was separated from his wife.	https://www.cnn.com/interactive/2017/01/politics/migration-ban-stories/	
Washington	DC	Syria	Muhamad Alhaj Moustafa, a trainee doctor at a hospital in Washington, D.C., is staying in the U.S. on a cultural exchange. He was separated from his visiting wife because of the Muslim Ban.	https://www.cnn.com/interactive/2017/01/politics/migration-ban-stories/	
	FL	Iran	Arefeh is a legal permanent resident living in Florida. She was set to marry her fiancé, a U.S. citizen, and wanted her Iranian mother and sister to be there with her. Both applied for visitor visas, but were denied at their visa interviews. Embassy officials told them that Arefeh's wedding was not enough to get around the Muslim Ban and they had to give up trying to come in time for Arefeh's wedding.	Muslim Advocates	Eric Naing, Muslim Advocates, eric@muslimadvocates.org
	GA	Iran	Mahshid Soltani is unable to travel to see his parents and they are unable to come visit him in the U.S.	National Iranian American Council	Donna Farvard, National Iranian American Council, dfarvard@niacouncil.org
Marietta	GA	Iran	Newsha Tavakoli's husband, Mohamad Esnaashari, has not been able to obtain a green card and leave Iran to join his wife.	https://www.ajc.com/lifestyles/years-later-marietta-woman-feels-travel-ban-impact-her-marriage/wuYprDj9PgyNVR1eWYzYSK/	
Clarkston	GA	Yemen	Hesham Al Madwami and his wife are unable to visit his family in Yemen because of the Muslim Ban.	https://www.cnn.com/interactive/2017/01/politics/migration-ban-stories/	
Stone Mountain	GA	Syria	Belal Rajab, a Syrian immigrant living in Georgia, was separated from his family.	https://www.cnn.com/interactive/2017/01/politics/migration-ban-stories/	
Clarkston	GA	Somalia	Habiba Mohamed and Abdalla Munye, immigrants who live in Clarkston, Georgia, were prevented from bringing their daughter to the U.S.	https://www.cnn.com/interactive/2017/01/politics/migration-ban-stories/	

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Chicago	IL	Iran	Sarvin Haghighi was born in Iran and, after traveling to Australia to see her family, was prevented from returning to the U.S., where she lives with her husband.	ACLU - https://www.aclu.org/issues/immigrants-rights/sarvin-haghighi	
Chicago	IL	Iran	Mahsa Izadmehr is an Iranian doctoral student in engineering at the University of Illinois-Chicago who went seven years without seeing her sister who lives in Switzerland.	https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-immigration-ban-insight/separated-by-travel-ban-iranian-families-reunite-at-border-library-idUSKC1N1NX1P2	
West Lafayette	IN	Iran	Mina Ostovari is a student who is afraid to travel to Iran to see her elderly mother and ill father due to fears that the Muslim Ban will prevent her from returning.	National Iranian American Council	Donna Farvard, National Iranian American Council, dfarvard@niacouncil.org
Bloomington	IN	Iran	Babak Seradjeh, an associate professor of physics at Indiana University, had to cancel a research trip to Tel Aviv because of travel restrictions.	https://www.cnn.com/interactive/2017/01/politics/immigration-ban-stories/	
Crowley	LA	Yemen	Mahmood Salem moved his family from Yemen to Djibouti in 2016. Their visas were approved in Nov. 2017, but the ban went into effect before they could be issued, and they were subsequently denied. Mahmood died by suicide after his wife and two oldest children were denied visas. The government issued waivers for them five days after his suicide. They arrived in the U.S. too late to attend his funeral.	https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/u-s-citizen-family-was-denied-visas-under-trump-n895381	
Boston	MA	Iran	Pooyan Kazemian's parents are unable to travel to visit their son in the U.S.	National Iranian American Council	Donna Farvard, National Iranian American Council, dfarvard@niacouncil.org

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Boston	MA	Syria	16-year-old Syrian refugee who was disfigured in a bomb attack on her home in Syria. German doctors encouraged her to get more sophisticated medical treatment in the U.S. following 13 operations to repair truma from third-degree burns to her face, arms, and chest. In Dec. 2018, U.S. denied her visa, claiming that there was not enough evidence to prove Marwa would return to Germany after her medical treatment.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2019/jan/18/syria-refugee-bomb-victim-denied-visa-trump-travel-ban	
Boston	MA	Iran	Raya Bidshahri, previously a student at Boston University, was separated from her family and worried about being forced to leave the U.S. when her student visa expired because of the Muslim Ban. She later moved to Toronto.	https://torontolife.com/city/life/planning-start-business-silicon-valley-graduation-donald-trump-happened/	
	MD	Iran	Garey Stewart is a U.S. citizen and his wife Yasaman is an Iranian citizen. They both live in Finland. In 2017, they had planned on visiting the U.S. for Garey's birthday and to see his family for the first time since their wedding. However, her visa was rejected pursuant to the Muslim Ban. Garey very much wants Yasaman to meet one of his aunts, who is 96 years old, and he fears they are missing their last chance to be with her together.	Muslim Advocates	Eric Naing, Muslim Advocates, eric@muslimadvocates.org
Rockville	MD	Iran	Mitra Farnoodian-Tedrick lives in Rockville, Maryland with her husband, a U.S. citizen. Her mother and father, who both live in Iran, are unable to obtain visas to see their daughter. This forced Mitra and her husband to cancel the wedding celebration and endure thousands of dollars in expenses due to non-refundable deposits, filing fees, travel costs and other visa-related costs as well as significant emotional distress from having to celebrate their wedding without their closest relatives.	Muslim Advocates	Eric Naing, Muslim Advocates, eric@muslimadvocates.org
	MD	Iran	Zahra Heidari is a student living in the U.S. Her father has been unable to obtain a visa to visit her even though he previously was granted one.	National Iranian American Council	Donna Farvard, National Iranian American Council, dfarvard@niacouncil.org
Germantown	MD	Iran	Jessica Monfared is a U.S. citizen separated from her Iranian husband who is living abroad.	in-it - https://app.in-it.com/missions/25/videos/114	Shiva Farrohki, in-it, shiva@in-it.com

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Baltimore	MD	Iran	Abdollah Dehzangi is a permanent resident and a professor at Morgan State University who is separated from his wife, who lives abroad. His wife has a PhD and has secured a job in the U.S. as a researcher but can't come here.	in-it - https://app.in-it.com/missions/25/videos/93	Shiva Farrohki, in-it, shiva@in-it.com
Ann Arbor	MI	Iran	Maryam Bahrami moved to the U.S. to live with her husband but her parents living abroad can't visit her because of the Muslim Ban.	in-it - https://app.in-it.com/missions/25/videos/135	Shiva Farrohki, in-it, shiva@in-it.com
	MI	Iran	In August 2017, Olivia Cross was informed that her husband Yahya's case was in administrative processing. As of January 2019, they still have not heard anything. The young couple celebrated their third wedding anniversary in February. They did it over Skype, where they maintain a virtual relationship, but time and distance are taking a toll.	https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2019/01/29/love-tangled-up-trumps-travel-ban/?utm_term=.4781604adcd2	
	NC	Iran	Sara Moein came to the U.S. to obtain a PhD. Her mother has been unable to come visit her.	National Iranian American Council	Donna Farvard, National Iranian American Council, dfarvard@niacouncil.org
West Fargo	ND	Iran	Sarah Vosseteig met and married an Iranian refugee while living abroad in Turkey. The husband and his mother are registered refugees with the U.N. but have not been able to come to the U.S. Her sister is also engaged to the brother of Sarah's husband, who was born in Iran and can't come to the U.S	https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2019/03/26/more-stories-hearts-broken-by-trumps-travel-ban/	
	NE	Iran	Sahar Toluee has not been able to see her parents, who live abroad, for five years because of the Muslim Ban	National Iranian American Council	Donna Farvard, National Iranian American Council, dfarvard@niacouncil.org
	NJ	Iran	Brian Swank is a U.S. citizen separated from his Iranian fiancé who is living abroad.	in-it - https://app.in-it.com/missions/25/videos/208	Shiva Farrohki, in-it, shiva@in-it.com

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Brooklyn	NY	Yemen	Ismail Alghazali is a U.S. citizen stranded in Djibouti with his Yemeni wife and newborn son because his wife's visa application was denied due to the ban. He is a plaintiff in Emami v. Trump.	Muslim Advocates - https://www.muslimadvocates.org/meet-the-plaintiff-s-in-emami-v-nielsen/	Eric Naing, Muslim Advocates, eric@muslimadvocates.org
New York City	NY	Yemen	Mohamed Al is an American-born Yemeni man who lives in New York City and has four daughters who are U.S. citizens. He is struggling to reunite with his wife, who is abroad. His health has been in critical condition while his wife's case has been stuck in processing at a U.S. embassy.	Yemeni American Merchants Association - https://www.huffpost.com/entry/trump-muslim-ban-2-years_n_5c50b9dae4b00906b26e2ee4	Ayyad Algabyali, Yemeni American Merchants Association, ayyad@yamausa.org
New York City	NY	Yemen	Ali Mohsen is a U.S. citizen whose family migrated to the United States in 1931 and whose grandfather fought for the U.S. in World War II. His wife currently lives in Djibouti and is taking care of their three U.S.-born children. Because she was born in Yemen, she is unable to come to the U.S. along with her children.	Yemeni American Merchants Association	Ayyad Algabyali, Yemeni American Merchants Association, ayyad@yamausa.org
Buffalo	NY	Iran	Samira Sheikholeslami's parents are not able to travel to the U.S. to visit their daughter and had to miss her wedding. Her husband's father also died while trying to come to the U.S. for the wedding.	National Iranian American Council	Donna Farvard, National Iranian American Council, dfarvard@niacouncil.org
Brooklyn	NY	Yemen	Mohamed Alahiry married his wife in Yemen in 2005, and he split his time between Sanaa and Brooklyn for nearly a decade. When war broke out, he began the process of bringing his wife and their four children to the United States. His wife's visa application stalled, and the family fled to Egypt in 2017. Mohamed visited in October 2018, and got in a car crash. He and three of his daughters then returned to the United States. After 7 surgeries, Mohamed couldn't work, and had to send two of his daughters to live with his brother in North Carolina. One daughter remains in Egypt with his wife. His wife has a visa interview on April 17, 2019.	https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/trump-muslim-ban-2-years_us_5c50b9dae4b00906b26e2ee4	

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Brooklyn	NY	Yemen	Mohammed is a U.S. citizen. His wife and five-year-old daughter Aziza had visa interviews in Djibouti in October 2017. A few days later, they granted his daughter's visa. But Aziza's processing took three months, and ended with a visa rejection and waiver denial. Mohammed and his daughter have returned to the U.S., and Aziza has gone to Jordan to stay with Mohammed's brother. They don't know when they'll have a future together as a family again.	https://www.theaction.com/article/trumps-travel-ban-torn-apart-hundreds-families/	
Brooklyn	NY	Yemen	The wife of Ahmed Almuliki has not been able to come to the U.S. and join her husband, a U.S. citizen.	https://www.theailybeast.com/trumps-muslim-ban-is-destroying-the-se-americans-lives-two-years-on	
Brooklyn	NY	Yemen	Sarsan Saleh was granted a visa to see her husband, Hussain Saleh, in the U.S. but the visa was delayed and then revoked after the Muslim Ban went into effect.	https://www.theailybeast.com/trumps-muslim-ban-is-destroying-the-se-americans-lives-two-years-on	
Brooklyn	NY	Yemen	The wife of Mohamed Alahiri has not been able to come to the U.S. to be with her husband and children. The husband is suffering poor health from a car accident and their youngest daughter is under tremendous stress.	https://www.theailybeast.com/trumps-muslim-ban-is-destroying-the-se-americans-lives-two-years-on	
New York City	NY	Iran	Shirin Estahbanati is an Iranian student living in the U.S. who is afraid to leave the country to see her father who had a heart attack.	https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-immigration-ban-insight/separated-by-travel-ban-iranian-families-reunite-at-border-library-idUSKC N1NX1P2	
New York City	NY	Syria, Iran	Ammar Haj Ahmad from Syria and Moein Ghobshah and Yasin Moradi from Iran are actors in a British play "The Jungle" about a French refugee camp. They were initially unable to obtain visas to travel with the show to New York.	https://www.nytimes.com/2018/12/02/theater/the-jungle-st-anns-warehouse.html	
Columbus	OH	Somalia	At just five years old, Aden Hassan and his mother fled violence in Somalia and lived on a refugee camp in Kenya for almost 20 years. After an extensive vetting process, both Aden and his mother were approved to be resettled in Columbus, Ohio. Aden arrived first in January 2017 but the Muslim Ban prevented his mother from being able to come to the U.S. to be with her son. Aden is worried for his mother, as she has a heart condition as well as	Church World Service - https://www.dispatch.com/news/20180126/columbus-refugee-pleads-for-reunion-with-family	Wardah Khalid, Church World Service, wkhalid@cwsglobal.org

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			diabetes and he was previously responsible for accompanying his mother to medical appointments.		
	OH	Syria	Mari Khoury is an American citizen from Ohio. When her husband, Fadi, was denied a visa and placed in administrative processing, Mari and their young daughter Suzanne moved to Syria to be with Fadi while they await the waiver adjudication.	https://www.irishtimes.com/news/world/us/the-family-that-trump-s-travel-ban-forced-to-move-to-syria-1.3700435	
Columbus	OH	Libya	Khadra Abdo, a Muslim mother of seven, was separated from her five oldest children after fleeing from strife in Somalia and then Libya. The children have yet to receive permission to come to the U.S.	https://religionnews.com/2019/02/04/two-years-after-trumps-travel-ban-faith-based-refugee-groups-struggle/	
Columbus	OH	Iran	Mohamad Zandian is a doctoral student in biochemistry at Ohio State University. His wife Parisa was detained at John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York.	https://www.cnn.com/interactive/2017/01/politics/immigration-ban-stories/	
	PA	Iran	Ghazal Eskandnai's grandmother has been unable to come to the U.S.	National Iranian American Council	Donna Farvard, National Iranian American Council, dfarvard@niacouncil.org
Philadelphia	PA	Syria	Joana Birkner is a U.S. citizen separated from her Syrian fiancé who is stuck in Istanbul.	in-it - https://app.in-it.com/missions/25/videos/120	Shiva Farrohki, in-it, shiva@in-it.com
Philadelphia	PA	Syria	Zaina Erhaim is a Syrian journalist living in London. She was invited to UPenn in Summer 2018 as part of a new annual program that brings journalists who are "under threat and working in crisis conditions" to Penn to host speaking events. Zaina received an invitation from the State Department to enter the U.S., but was then denied a visa pursuant to the Muslim Ban. Her waiver was approved approximately one week after a UPenn student newspaper published an article about the issue.	https://www.thedp.com/article/2018/12/syrian-journalist-chosen-for-writers-at-risk-cannot-come-to-penn	
Philadelphia	PA	Iran	Fereshteh Abbasi is separated from her husband Chris Gibson, who lives in the U.S.	https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2019/mar/01/trump-travel-ban	

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Memphis	TN	Iran	Payam Moein's parents have not been able to visit him and his pregnant wife and they missed his wedding. Moein is also afraid to travel to Iran to visit his cancer-stricken father.	https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2019/03/26/more-stories-hearts-broken-by-trumps-travel-ban/	
Houston	TX	Libya	Abdurraouf Gseaa is Libyan-American whose pregnant wife is stuck in war-torn Libya. While they await adjudication of her waiver request, he is forced to travel back and forth constantly in order to be with her during her pregnancy. He is a plaintiff in Emami v. Trump.	Muslim Advocates - https://www.muslimadvocates.org/meet-the-plaintiff-s-in-emami-v-nielsen/	Eric Naing, Muslim Advocates, eric@muslimadvocates.org
	TX	Iran	Mikhak Aliani's parents are unable to travel from Iran to visit because of the Muslim Ban	National Iranian American Council	Donna Farvard, National Iranian American Council, dfarvard@niacouncil.org
Houston	TX	Iran	Majid Jamshid Zadeh lives in Houston and his wife is a licensed doctor living in Iran who can't come to the U.S.	https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2019/03/26/more-stories-hearts-broken-by-trumps-travel-ban/	
	UT	Iran	The grandmother of Satin Tashnizi refused to travel to Europe for her youngest daughter's wedding because she was afraid she wouldn't be allowed back in even though she is a U.S. citizen	https://www.sltrib.com/opinion/commentary/2019/02/05/commentary-two-years/	
Gainesville	VA	Syria	Najib Adi is a U.S. citizen and a dentist practicing in Virginia. The Muslim Ban forced him to miss his father's funeral and is preventing his mother from leaving war-torn Syria to be with her son. He is a plaintiff in Emami v. Trump.	Muslim Advocates - https://www.muslimadvocates.org/meet-the-plaintiff-s-in-emami-v-nielsen/	Eric Naing, Muslim Advocates, eric@muslimadvocates.org
	VA	Iran	The father of Sepideh Kazemi's husband was sick and was not able to travel to the U.S. to attend his son's graduation ceremony.	National Iranian American Council	Donna Farvard, National Iranian American Council,

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	VA	Iran	Tara Azadikhah is separated from her fiancé, who is unable to obtain a Visa	National Iranian American Council	Donna Farvard, National Iranian American Council, dfarvard@niacouncil.org
	VA	Syria	Muhamad Moustafa and Nabila Moustafa are Syrian nationals living in the U.S. on J-1 and J-2 visas. Nabila Moustafa was detained just after the Muslim Ban took effect after flying back from Qatar after visting her ailing monther. She was later deported.	https://abcnews.go.com/US/syria-n-couple-separated-trumps-executive-order-face-uncertain/story?id=45154984	
	VA	Iran	Mohsen Khosravi says he is afraid to leave the U.S. and cannot see his father, who lives in Iran.	https://dcist.com/story/17/01/28/photos-as-some-families-reunite-at/	
Kirkland	WA	Somalia	Sudi Wardere is a Somalian-American who is forced to raise her child on her own because of the Muslim Ban. Her husband has been awaiting a response on his visa and waiver application since February. Her husband was unable to be a part of the birth of their child, and to this day, he has never met his child. She is a plaintiff in Emami v. Trump.	Muslim Advocates - https://www.muslimadvocates.org/meet-the-plaintiff-s-in-emami-v-nielsen/	Eric Naing, Muslim Advocates, eric@muslimadvocates.org
Seattle	WA	Iran	Shohreh Kohbanani works two minimum-wage jobs to care for her disabled father. She hasn't seen her Iranian husband, Hamid, for two years. They were in the process of preparing Hamid's visa application when the first ban came down in January 2017. They have no idea when they will be reunited. Hamid's Turkish visa is expiring shortly. He fears returning to Iran because Shohreh is Baha'i, a persecuted minority in Iran.	https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-6604613/Travel-ban-two-years-Trump-administration-says-America-safer-families-divided-no-end-sight.html	
Seattle	WA	Iran	73-year-old retiree whose husband, Afshin, left Iran 20 years ago. He had been undocumented in the U.S. prior to marrying Pamela Raghebi. After their marraige, she petitioned for a green card on his behalf. This was approved, but Afshin had to leave the U.S., get a re-entry waiver (which he got) and then a Muslim Ban waiver (which he hasn't gotten). He's now stuck in Turkey.	https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/travel-ban-ruling-leaves-seattle-woman-wondering-when-she-will-see-her-husband-again/	
Tacoma	WA	Yemen	Rasha Alawadhi, a woman from Yemen with two serious heart conditions, had trouble coming to the	https://www.usatoday.com/story/opinion/2018/06/1	

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			U.S. to receive medical care and be with her Mohammed Alawadhi.	5/donald-trump-muslim-travel-ban-supreme-court-column/669516002/	
Seattle	WA	Iran	Rad Cyrus, an Iranian Immigrant living in the U.S. is separated from his wife Ghdas "Samira" Mohammadkani.	https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/under-the-radar-trump-travel-ban-keeps-families-waiting-years-to-reunite-in-seattle/	
Seattle	WA	Iran	Mohammad Taha Bahadori is an artificial-intelligence researcher working at Amazon who is separated from his wife.	https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/under-the-radar-trump-travel-ban-keeps-families-waiting-years-to-reunite-in-seattle/	
Seattle	WA	Iran	Houtan Neynavae is a Microsoft engineer, a U.S. citizen and a Christian convert who fear going to Iran to see his parents.	https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/under-the-radar-trump-travel-ban-keeps-families-waiting-years-to-reunite-in-seattle/	
Milwaukee	WI	Iran	Ricky Smith got married in Canada, where wife Mona is getting a PhD in organic chemistry. Ricky visits every few months. Smith feels he has explored every conceivable avenue to bring Khorasani to the U.S. so they can start their life together.	https://www.jsonline.com/story/communities/west/news/brookfield/2018/07/02/travel-ban-separates-brookfield-business-man-his-wife/750549002/	
		Syria	Mohamad Hamami is a world-class Syrian violinist, composer, conductor and an artist of extraordinary ability in the field of Arabic fusion music who is now banned from the United States. He is a plaintiff in Emami v. Trump.	Muslim Advocates - https://www.muslimadvocates.org/meet-the-plaintiffs-in-emami-v-nielsen/	Eric Naing, Muslim Advocates, eric@muslimadvocates.org
		Iran	Najmeh Maharlouei is an Iranian health researcher whose research was deemed to be in the national interest by the United States government and who was denied a visa because of the Muslim Ban. Najmeh is a plaintiff in Emami v. Trump.	Muslim Advocates - https://www.muslimadvocates.org/meet-the-plaintiff	Eric Naing, Muslim Advocates, eric@muslimadvocates.org

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		Yemen	Enas Saad Ammari is the Yemeni daughter of U.S. citizens. She, her husband and two children won the 2019 Diversity Visa lottery and have extensive ties to the U.S. but are unable to come to the country to be with the rest of her family because of the Muslim Ban.	Yemeni American Merchants Association	Ayyad Algabyali, Yemeni American Merchants Associatio n, ayyad@ya mausa.org
		Yemen	Ahmed Al Mulaiki is a U.S. citizen whose wife is unable to come to the U.S. to live with him. Mulaiki recently underwent open-heart surgery and is experiencing serious health problems, and fears he may die without seeing his wife again.	Yemeni American Merchants Association - https://www.theDailyBeast.com/trumps-muslim-ban-is-destroying-the-se-americans-lives-two-years-on	Ayyad Algabyali, Yemeni American Merchants Associatio n, ayyad@ya mausa.org
		Iran	Fereshteh Abbasi Mahmoudabadi met her husband while studying and working in the U.S. The couple later moved abroad but her husband had to return to the U.S. for professional reasons. The Muslim Ban prevents Mahmoudabadi from joining him.	National Iranian American Council	Donna Farvard, National Iranian American Council, dfarvard@ niacouncil. org
		Iran	Ghazaleh Taherzadeh lives abroad and is unable to come to the U.S. to live with her husband or accept a postdoc position that was offered to her by a U.S. university.	National Iranian American Council	Donna Farvard, National Iranian American Council, dfarvard@ niacouncil. org
		Iran	Saman Heydari moved to Turkey to be with his fiancé while she attempts to obtain a U.S. visa. They have not been successful	National Iranian American Council	Donna Farvard, National Iranian American Council, dfarvard@ niacouncil. org

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		Iran	Pooya Tavakolian is an Iranian married to a U.S. citizen who can't come here to live with him and start a family.	in-it - https://app.in-it.com/missions/25/videos/156	Shiva Farrohki, in-it, shiva@in-it.com
		Iran	Ghazaleh Taherzadeh is an Iranian living in Australian who is separated from her husband, a U.S. greencard holder. Taherzadeh has been offered a job at a U.S. university but she can't accept it because she can't obtain a Visa.	in-it - https://app.in-it.com/missions/25/videos/98	Shiva Farrohki, in-it, shiva@in-it.com
			Yasaman Ahmadi came to the U.S. with her young son but her husband can't obtain a visa and come to the U.S. to be with his family.	in-it - https://app.in-it.com/missions/25/videos/180	Shiva Farrohki, in-it, shiva@in-it.com
		Somalia	Ahmed Abdi Hassan living abroad who has received a visa approval but still can't come to the U.S. with his children.	in-it - https://app.in-it.com/missions/25/videos/177	Shiva Farrohki, in-it, shiva@in-it.com
		Syria	Haya Bitar was born in the U.S. and studies there but her parents and sister can't come from Syria to see her.	ACLU - https://www.aclu.org/issues/immigrants-rights/haya-bitar	
		Iran	Hossein Barati, an Iranian citizen was denied a B-2 visitor's visa to the United States to undergo medical treatment for Stage III mixed germ cell cancer.	https://thinkprogress.org/iranian-cyberknife-cancer-treatment-4576199d430e/	
		Iraq	Hameed Khalid Darweesh was one of two Iraqis detained at New York's Kennedy Airport after the Muslim Ban was announced. Darweesh, who worked as an interpreter for the U.S. military during the Iraq War. He is a plaintiff in Darweesh v. Trump.	ACLU - https://www.cnn.com/interactive/2017/01/politics/immigration-ban-stories/	ACLU

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