

White House Bans Syrian, Palestinian Passport Holders; Netanyahu Demands Action

Syrian and Palestinian Authority passport holders will not be able to enter the U.S. as of the beginning of the year, the latest in a series of bans. Meanwhile, against the backdrop of the deadly attack in Australia last weekend, Israel is demanding that world leaders wake up and fight antisemitism.

President Trump expanded a travel ban already in place by including those holding Palestinian and Syrian passports from entering the United States for travel or immigration, beginning on January 1, 2026.

The presidential order was first declared in June against 19 countries, and since then has been expanded to include 27.



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U.S. officials claim the countries in question and the P.A. "cannot meet basic criteria for identifying their nationals and residents who pose national security and public safety threats and for sharing information with the United States."

In Israel, with the Hanukkah massacre still on the minds of most Israelis, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called on world leaders to take action against hatred for Jews.

"I demand that Western governments do what is necessary to combat antisemitism and provide the necessary security and safety for Jewish communities around the world. And they should heed our warnings. I demand that they act – now," the prime minister declared.

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