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## **TAHIRIH CONDEMNS FINAL TRANSIT ASYLUM BAN**

Today, the administration [published](#) a final version of the transit asylum ban, after the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia [issued a decision](#) on June 30, 2020, forcing the policy to stop. The transit asylum ban was initially issued on July 16, 2019 and barred anyone approaching the U.S. southern border from applying for asylum, with limited exceptions. It was put into effect with no opportunity for comment from the public. Tahirih filed a lawsuit challenging the egregious ban on [August 21, 2019](#), represented in the action by the American Civil Liberties Union.

“There seems to be no limit to the flood of anti-immigrant policies that this administration is attempting to jam through during their final days in office,” said Archi Pyati, Tahirih Chief of Policy and Communications. “The sweeping policy illegally restricts asylum, slamming the door shut to survivors fleeing unimaginable violence and persecution. The attacks to our already broken asylum system by this administration are astounding, and refugees are paying the price.”

The final version of the transit asylum ban is set to take effect in 30 days. “The publication of the final rule is a transparent attempt to ignore court opinions holding that the transit ban is illegal, and it is an affront to the rule of law,” said Richard Caldarone, Tahirih Litigation Counsel. “We are confident that the ban will again be struck down in court.”

*Archi Pyati and Richard Caldarone are available for comment on this topic. Please contact [rachelp@tahirih.org](mailto:rachelp@tahirih.org) to arrange an interview.*

### **About the Tahirih Justice Center**

The Tahirih Justice Center is a national, nonprofit organization that serves immigrant survivors seeking safety and justice. We amplify the voices of survivors in communities, courts, and Congress to create a world where women and girls enjoy equality and live in safety and with dignity.