

**Seattle Judge's Order Means 12-year-old Yemeni Girl Eman Ali
Finally En Route to Los Banos, California to Reunite with Her Family**

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San Francisco, CA – A Federal Judge's ruling in Seattle, Washington late Friday invalidating key parts of President Trump's executive order means that Eman Ali, a 12-year-old girl, is finally able to travel to the United States after six years of waiting in war-torn Yemen. After being issued an immigrant visa on January 26, 2017, Eman was prohibited from traveling to the United States solely because of the January 27, 2017 executive order banning individuals from seven Muslim countries, including Yemen. Eman and her U.S. citizen father, Ahmed Ali, found themselves stranded in Djibouti and separated from their U.S. citizen family in California. Eman, whose case has attracted national and international attention, including a heart-felt speech on the House floor by Congressman Jim Costa, started her struggle to join her U.S. citizen parents and sisters in Los Banos California, six years ago. Today, she will finally be reunited with her family. And upon her admission to the United States, she will automatically acquire U.S. citizenship.

Eman's attorney, Katy Lewis of Van Der Hout, Brigagliano, & Nightingale in San Francisco, who has been representing Eman during this lengthy process, said "We are very happy that this ordeal is finally coming to an end for this family but we are deeply troubled by the terribly wrongheaded, discriminatorily and illegal edicts of this new administration. We are very thankful that Judges throughout the country are stepping in to uphold the Constitution and the principles which our country really stands for." Dozens of lawsuits have been filed around the country challenging President Trump's executive order, including a nationwide class action district court lawsuit in the District Court for Western District of Washington filed on behalf of tens of thousands of U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents who have filed immigrant visa petitions for their immediate family members who are nationals of seven predominantly Muslim countries, in which Eman and Ahmed Ali are named plaintiffs. Many Judges, such as Judge Robart in Washington, have granted temporary restraining orders enjoining and restraining parts of President Trump's ban as its legality has come under scrutiny. Due to these efforts, immigrants and visa holders like Eman have begun once again to be welcomed to the United States. Although, late on February 4, 2017, a motion for a stay of the temporary restraining order was filed by the Department of Justice, and while the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals denied the immediate emergency stay request, they issued a briefing schedule to consider the full motion for a stay.

Eman and her father are now en route to San Francisco International Airport, and this afternoon Eman will finally join her family and begin her life in California. "Me and my family appreciate all of the support, and we are so happy that our daughter will soon be in the United States with us. We have waited so long for this day," said Mr. Ali. "The community has rallied around the Ali family," said attorney Katy Lewis. "We received many calls and emails from concerned community members and others asking how they could help Eman. People from the Los Banos community, and people from all over the country and the world, including actress Maggie Gyllenhaal, have donated to the Ali family through a fundraising campaign that has raised more than \$20,000 in three days. Local press has been instrumental in highlighting the Ali family's story, and the support of Senator Feinstein, Senator Harris, and especially Congressman Costa was vital in getting Eman to the United States. With the support of communities like Los Banos, we can continue to challenge President Trump's unconstitutional and discriminatory executive orders to make sure that immigrants, refugees, and visitors from all over the world are welcomed to the United States."

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