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As A Result Of The D.C. National Guard Attack, USCIS Implements Strict New Policy Guidance For Review Of Immigration Applications Submitted By Certain Nationals

The new policy guidance will affect nationals of the following countries: Afghanistan, Burma, Chad, Republic of Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Haiti, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Yemen, Burundi, Cuba, Laos, Sierra Leone, Togo, Turkmenistan, and Venezuela.

Effective November 27, 2025, USCIS officers will consider country-specific factors as significant negative factors when reviewing immigration applications submitted by these nationals and will assess if they are a threat to the public safety and national security when adjudicating their applications. The policy is effective immediately and will apply to pending applications or applications filed on or after November 27, 2025.

It is assumed that as a result of this policy, USCIS will be carefully reviewing the Green Card applications submitted by an individual who immigrated to the U.S. from these 19 countries.

For more details about this policy, please refer to the resources linked [here](#) and [here](#).