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Trump Administration Fails to Re-designate Temporary Protected Status for Yemenis Fleeing War

The Trump Administration has allowed for an 18-month extension of the Temporary Protected Status for Yemenis who already hold the status, but refused to re-designate Yemen which would have expanded the protection to newly-arrived Yemenis.

“We are thankful that the 1,250 Yemenis in the U.S. with Temporary Protected Status will be allowed to stay here for another 18 months,” said Lawrence E. Couch, director of the National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd. “However, we are extremely disappointed that President Trump and Secretary Nielsen have declined to expand TPS.

“Yemenis are being bombed, living on the verge of starvation with so little medical support or clean water that cholera, measles and diphtheria are running rampant. 130 children are dying every day of hunger and disease in this small nation being torn apart by civil war. How could anyone or any government look at these facts and coldly decide to send Yemenis back,” asked Couch.

Yemen was first designated for TPS in 2015 and re-designated in January 2017. Since then, there have been approximately 2,900 non-immigrant visas issued to Yemenis who have fled to the United States. Not all 2,900 may be eligible for TPS.

Still, such a wealthy and compassionate country should be able to welcome a relatively small number of people in desperate need of help.

The Administration seems bent on eliminating the policy of Temporary Protected Status and already has ended it for people from El Salvador, Nicaragua, Sudan, Haiti, Honduras and a similar program for Liberia.

The National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd calls on Congress to quickly find a permanent solution allowing residents under the TPS program to become permanent U.S. residents and expanding TPS for Yemenis who have arrived since January 2017 and who are already vetted.

[The National Advocacy Center](#) educates and advocates on social justice issues for the transformation of society to the benefit of all people reflecting the spirituality, history and mission of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd. NAC advocates at the Federal level for people living in poverty, immigrants, victims of human trafficking, victims of domestic abuse, and other vulnerable populations.

The Sisters of the Good Shepherd was founded in France in 1835 and are in over 70 countries on 5 continents and have had a presence in the United States for over 175 years.

With a presence in 22 states and 1 U. S. Territory, the Sisters and their Lay Mission Partners have dedicated themselves to serving girls, women and families who experience poverty, exploitation, vulnerability and marginalization.

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