

Iran Vows Countermeasure against U.S. Visa Ban



Tehran, March 8 (RHC-Agencies) -- Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister for European and American Affairs Majid Takht-Ravanchi said that Iran will counter the U.S. visa ban against the Iranians, Tehran Times daily reported on Wednesday.

"Our earlier countermeasure against Trump's order to stop visa issuance for Iranians is still in place," Takht-Ravanchi said, adding that "There is no need for a new decision."

On January 27th, Trump issued an executive order for a 90-day ban on the entry visa issuance for seven Muslim-majority countries in the Middle East and North Africa, namely, Somalia, Iran, Iraq, Sudan, Syria, Libya and Yemen. However, it was halted later by a federal court.

On January 31st, Iran said that it had stopped granting visas to U.S. citizens in response to Washington's travel ban.

On Monday, the White House revised the earlier executive order and signed a new order that excludes Iraqi citizens, but keeps the visa applicants from six other countries, still targeting Iranians. The order is to be put into effect on March 16th.



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