

# *U.S. federal judge rules Mahmoud Khalil's immigration case must continue in New Jersey*

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Newark, April 3 (RHC)-- In the U.S., a federal judge has ruled in favor of Mahmoud Khalil, allowing the Palestinian Columbia University student protest leader to challenge his detention and deportation in a New Jersey court.

The order is seen as a victory for Khalil, as this is the second time a federal judge has denied the Trump administration's request to transfer the case to the state of Louisiana, where Khalil has been held at an ICE jail for nearly one month.

His legal team continues to fight for his release. In a statement, Khalil's wife Noor Abdalla said: "This is an important step towards securing Mahmoud's freedom, but there is still a lot more to be done. As the countdown to our son's birth begins and I inch closer and closer to my due date, I will continue to strongly advocate for Mahmoud's freedom and for his safe return home so he can be by my side to welcome our first child."

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