

# *Federal judge blocks Trump rule forcing refugees to first seek asylum elsewhere*

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Washington, July 2 (RHC)-- A U.S. federal judge in Washington, D.C., has struck down a Trump administration asylum restriction that banned most asylum seekers from Central America, the Caribbean and Africa from applying for refuge at the U.S.-Mexico border.

The Trump order forced asylum seekers to first apply for asylum in countries they pass through on their way to the United States, particularly Mexico or Guatemala. The ruling marked a legal victory for refugee advocates who challenged the near-total ban on asylum.

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