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Middle East Security Alerts

Following the U.S. and Israel launching combat strikes on Iran, the U.S. Department of State (DOS) issued a Worldwide Caution security alert on February 28, 2026 instructing Americans who may be affected to follow the guidance issued by their nearest U.S. consular post. Most consular posts in the region are under a security alert. Consular personnel at some posts have been under shelter-in-place instructions. As always, the best advice for assessment of current consular operations at a specific post is to follow instructions provided by the consular post itself. Notably U.S. consular post closures or limitation of services include those in Bahrain, Cyprus, Iraq, Israel, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and UAE.



DHS Secretary may exchange CHRI with border security and immigration authorities from certain countries, including Visa Waiver Program countries, on a reciprocal basis.

Criminal History Records

President Trump issued an Executive Order requiring the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) access to criminal history record information (CHRI) in the custody of Federal criminal justice agencies to the maximum extent permitted by law. The U.S. Attorney General must provide DHS access to CHRI held by DOJ, and the

Another TPS Program Terminating

DHS announced that the TPS designation for Yemen will be terminated effective 5/4/26, after which nationals of Yemen (and stateless individuals who last habitually resided in Yemen) who have been granted TPS under this designation will no longer have TPS or related benefits. EADs issued under this designation will also expire 5/4/26.

March 2026 Visa Bulletin

The DOS published the March 2026 Visa Bulletin. For family-sponsored preference categories most countries only had forward progress in the F2A category, with the Philippines as the only country that saw progress in the F3 and F4 categories. For employment-based preference categories, nearly all countries saw progress in all preference categories, with the exception being China and India with either minor or no progress across all categories. Congress passed legislation to extend the 4th category for non-minister religious workers (SR) category until 9/30/26, making visa numbers available again in that preference category for all countries. Finally, similar to the month prior, U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services (USCIS) announced that all applicants in both family- and employment-based categories must use the Dates for Filing chart for filing adjustment of status applications.

Termination of TPS Haiti Motion to Stay Granted

A District Court Judge for the District of Columbia granted a plaintiff's motion to stay the termination Haiti's Temporary Protected Status (TPS) determination. DHS previously announced the TPS program for Haiti would be terminated effective 2/3/26. This new decision indefinitely postpones the termination of TPS for Haitians – and continuing previously granted work authorization – impacting roughly 352,959 Haitians who currently hold TPS.

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