

BIDEN ADMINISTRATION DESIGNATES DEFERRED ENFORCED DEPARTURE (DED) FOR PALESTINE

The coalition welcomes the DED designation that shields Palestinians in the U.S. from deportation.

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WASHINGTON, DC– Today, a few moments ago, President Biden designated Deferred Enforced Departure (DED) for nationals of Palestine currently in the U.S. The Temporary Protected Status Deferred Enforced Departure Administrative Advocacy Coalition ([TPS-DED AAC](#)), a coalition of over 100 organizations, commends the Biden administration for this designation. This designation comes as the result of the work led by the [Arab American Anti-Discrimination Committee](#) (ADC) in collaboration with Palestinian lawyers, the TPS-DED AAC and several other civil and human rights organizations.

Around [6,000 Palestinians](#) are eligible to benefit from the DED designation. The [Memorandum](#) released on February 14, 2024 directs the Secretary of Homeland Security to defer, for 18 months, the removal of any Palestinian who is present in the U.S. as of February 14, 2024. It excludes those who have voluntarily returned to the Palestinian territories after the release of the memorandum, those who haven't been continuously residing in the U.S. after the release of the memorandum, those subject to extradition, those whose presence is not in the interest of the U.S. or presents a danger to public safety, those whose presence could have adverse foreign policy consequences, those convicted of felonies or two or more misdemeanors and those who are inadmissible under Section 212(a)(3) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) or deportable under section 237(a)(4) of the INA.

Abed Ayoub, National Executive Director, ADC said, “The ongoing genocide in Gaza has already led to 30,000 deaths, and a humanitarian crisis that is impacting millions of Palestinians. Ensuring that Palestinians in the U.S. are not removed/deported back into harm’s way is an important step, and one we welcome. In addition to continuing our call for an immediate ceasefire, we call on the administration to take additional steps of reuniting Palestinian families through the humanitarian parole process.”

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The [TPS-DED AAC](#) is a national coalition of more than 100 organizations with deep expertise in law and policy surrounding TPS and DED. Member organizations range from community-based organizations directly serving impacted communities in the United States to international NGOs, working in and providing insight from affected countries.