



May 15-21 Alert on Immigration

What's Happening?

About 58,000 Haitian beneficiaries of an emergency immigration program will see their status expire in July unless the administration approves an extension. As the Homeland Security secretary John Kelly weighs his decision, internal communication communications reported by the Associated Press last week reveal a malicious and unprecedented effort by the federal government that seems designed to find disingenuous reasons to cancel the program. (From RiseUP) See action below – due May 23rd

The Haiti decision, due May 23, will not only be a critical litmus test for the temporary protected status program, but also a telling statement about American values. (RiseUP)

Children: An agent from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services allegedly showed up at a Maspeth elementary school seeking a fourth grader. Answers are being sought in the execution of immigration policies. (Adapted from Article from Madina Toure)

Hispanics 'are going further into the shadows' amid chilling immigration debate, police say – the Washington Post <http://t.co/AKE4tD1Fkn> (<https://twitter.com/>)

Action One: Prayer -- A Prayer for the People of Haiti

O gracious Creator, God of all goodness and love, we lift up our Haitian brothers and sisters to You in prayer. Our hearts go out to all those who suffer from want. Grant them Your wisdom, strength and hope in the face of all that is occurring in their beautiful homeland.

God of mercy and justice, assist all those volunteers who have given so much time, energy and resources to our Haitian neighbors. Bless their efforts to help restore and improve their lives.

Bless the children of Haiti who seek a better world and a brighter future.

We pray that the US Government makes the right decision for the Haitian People. We pray this blessing in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen. Adapted from *Rev. Joseph M. Soranno*

Action Two: Calls/Letters

Add your name: Tell President Trump to renew TPS (Temporary Protected Status) for Haitians by May 23rd to stop 50,000 working people from facing immediate deportation to a country still recovering from natural disasters. https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/extend-tps-for-50000-haitians-working-in-the-us?link_id=4&can_id=fdb0e30a11fa07c03314e40114732c17&source=email-urgent-stop-trump-from-deporting-50000-haitians&email_referrer=urgent-stop-trump-from-deporting-50000-haitians&email_subject=urgent-stop-trump-from-deporting-50000-haitians UNITE HERE

No ban – No Wall Your one-stop guide with resources, info, groups to support to say #NoMuslimBanEver is here: <https://nobannowallnoraid.wordpress.com/action/nomuslimbanever/>

Send a postcard to a congressional leader that needs to stand with immigrants!

<https://reformimmigrationforamerica.org/rise-up/#postcard>

Call DHS Secretary Kelly and the White House to Extend TPS Protections for Haiti

DHS Comment Line: (202) 282-8495 and White House Comment Line: (202) 456-1111 (please leave a message) Sample Script: *"I'm from [City, State, Congregation/Community] and as a person of faith, I urge DHS Secretary Kelly to extend Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Haitians for at least another 18 months. Current conditions in Haiti – such as food insecurity and hunger, the cholera epidemic, and economic instability – exacerbated by Hurricane Matthew – make it unsafe for anyone to be deported to Haiti. Haitians are fleeing catastrophic conditions and should be allowed to remain in the United States."*

Mayor Rahm Emanuel: Expand Sanctuary City: <https://act.colorofchange.org/sign/chicago-welcoming-city/?t=3&akid=7301.364373.fOawc2>

Action Three: Education

Undocumented immigrant population in U.S. stays flat for eighth straight year

https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/world/2017/04/25/undocumented-immigrant-population-united-states/100877164/?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=ebe108eea2-CLINIC_Daily_5-12-17&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-ebe108eea2-279173657

Travel ban arguments focus on Trump's comments about Muslims

https://apnews.com/1254a2d5dde24be08f087aed23b6c172/Travel-ban-arguments-focus-on-Trump's-comments-about-Muslims?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=ebe108eea2-CLINIC_Daily_5-12-17&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-ebe108eea2-279173657

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) invites federal, state, local, territorial and tribal stakeholders to participate in a quarterly intergovernmental affairs (IGA) engagement on Wednesday, May 24, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Eastern. Learn about USCIS resources available to support and enhance your efforts to promote citizenship. During the webinar, subject matter experts will provide an overview of the naturalization process and discuss how to assist aspiring citizens and how to avoid immigration fraud. Registration: https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCISINVITE/subscriber/new?topic_id=USDHSCISINVITE_295

Action Four: Actions/Events

Justice for Immigrants Partners Call on Thursday, May 18, 2017 at 12 p.m. Central time Dial 1-800-446-1162 and use conference code 106181

A new compilation of worship resources "*dedicate one Sunday to engage congregations in honoring refugees' and immigrants' journeys*" as resolved in the [Ecumenical Declaration](#) we signed together earlier this year. Please find an easy-to-use toolkit, as well as a beautiful liturgy and distinct pieces for easy modifying and printing, all at greateras1.org/congregation.s.

Last year's move to the **US/Mexico border** was the culmination of SOA Watch's commitment to evidence the continued influence of US economic and security policies in the militarization of Latin America, its' most visible consequences being forced migration from Central America and the Caribbean. **We are very excited for our 2nd Encuentro at the Border in Ambos Nogales, November 10-12, 2017!** At the heart of the Border Encuentro we seek to increase awareness of the militarization of the- U.S./Mexico border and Latin America, as well as the criminalization of migrants, asylum seekers, refugees and people of color.

Action Five: Social Media:

Thank you for your efforts!