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House Committee: Biden Has Released Almost 100 Terror Suspects Into U.S. Since 2021

President Joe Biden and border czar Vice President Kamala Harris have released at least 99 illegal aliens on the FBI's terror watchlist into the United States since 2021.

And border agents at the southwest frontier with Mexico have encountered almost 400 terror watchlist suspects since then.

The latest on the <u>Biden-Harris-sponsored</u> illegal-alien invasion comes in a report released today by the House Judiciary Committee. It details the administration's turning a blind eye to the major security threat those illegals pose to American national security in general, and American citizens in particular.



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Such is the administration's indifference to the threat that it permitted one illegal on the terror watchlist to board a plane. It released another because he was obese and might have contracted the China Virus if detained. Immigration judges granted bond to almost 30 terror suspects.

The report mirrors concerns of 10 retired FBI agents, who told top elected officials on Capitol Hill in January that Biden was setting up the nation for a major terror strike.

The Report

The committee notes that Biden has released more than 5.4 million illegals to roam free, and that another almost 2 million are "gotaways" who slipped past the Border Patrol.

Among them, the <u>report says</u>, were 375 terror watchlist suspects, "a more than 3,000 percent increase of watchlisted alien encounters compared to all four years of the Trump Administration."



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Biden released at least 99 of the 250 terror suspects encountered between fiscal 2021 and 2023.

Those suspects came from 36 countries, "including places with an active terrorist presence such as Afghanistan, Iraq, Lebanon, Kyrgyzstan, Mauritania, Pakistan, Somalia, Syria, Tajikistan, Turkey, Uzbekistan, and Yemen," the report avers.



As The New American reported in June, the FBI arrested eight ISIS-linked terror suspects, all from



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Tajikistan and encountered at the border. A wiretap revealed that one discussed bombs.

The committee report further notes that

three were released into the country after using the Biden-Harris-Administration's CBP One phone application to schedule an appointment at a port of entry, four were initially encountered by Border Patrol while crossing the border, and one arrived at a port of entry without scheduling a CBP One app appointment.

AT LEAST THREE POTENTIAL TERRORISTS WERE RELEASED INTO THE UNITED STATES USING THE BIDEN-HARRIS ADMINISTRATION'S CBP ONE APP.

And in fiscal 2024, border agents have encountered these individuals:

- 2,134 Afghans
- 33,347 Chinese
- 541 Iranians
- 520 Syrians
- 3,104 Uzbeks

Specific Cases

Releasing terrorists is "almost routine" for Biden, the report says. In April, it revealed, "ICE [Immigration and Customs Enforcement] arrested yet another potential terrorist, a man from Uzbekistan 'with alleged ISIS ties' who had lived in the U.S. for more than two years":

The Biden-Harris Administration released the man, Jovokhir Attoev, into the United States in February 2022 after "neither [CBP] nor ICE could find any derogatory information on Attoev" in their databases. DHS had released yet another watchlisted alien, Issam Bazzi, in November 2021, after encountering him crossing the southwest border illegally. Despite "high[ly] derogatory information" in the FBI's database, DHS decided to release Bazzi into



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the U.S. because he was overweight and may have been susceptible to COVID-19 in an ICE detention Facility. During his July 2023 testimony, [Homeland Security] Secretary [Alejandro] Mayorkas testified to the Committee that he was "unfamiliar with that report" and claimed — contrary to the facts — that "individuals who pose a threat to national security or public safety are detained." As DHS's release into the U.S. of potential terrorists illustrates, Secretary Mayorkas's statement is wrong and DHS's vetting of illegal aliens at the border is insufficient to uncover derogatory information on potentially dangerous aliens.

In February, federal authorities arrested one Mohammad Kharwin, another terror suspect, who had "'spent nearly a year inside the U.S.' following his release by CBP in March 2023."

Amazingly, an immigration judge ordered a \$12,000 bond for his release in March, "despite his apparent membership in <u>Hezb-e-Islami</u>, 'a political and paramilitary organization that the U.S. has designated a terrorist organization.' He was rearrested only after media reports surfaced about the case, and he remains in ICE custody."

In May, an official with Immigration and Customs Enforcement elaborated about the case during an interview with the committee, the <u>report explains</u>:

This ICE official confirmed that Kharwin was arrested by ICE and was released after an immigration judge granted him bond. The ICE official said that officers briefed him on Kharwin, who was no longer in ICE custody. Following the briefing, the field office director ordered his officers to find and arrest Kharwin, who remained at large in the community. ...

In fact, "[w]hen ICE prosecutors appeared in court" to argue that Kharwin should remain in ICE custody, "they did not share some classified information with the [immigration] judge that purportedly showed Kharwin's" terrorist ties. Instead, ICE attorneys "argued that he should be detained without bond because he was a flight risk, but they did not say he was a national security risk."

That lack of information also may explain why immigration judges granted bond to at least 27 watchlisted aliens who were encountered between ports of entry at the southwest border between fiscal years 2021 and 2023. Additionally, at least four watchlisted aliens were granted asylum by an immigration judge, with at least two additional known or suspected terrorists having their cases terminated by an immigration judge, allowing them to remain in the U.S. indefinitely.



ILLEGAL ALIENS ON THE TERRORIST WATCHLIST ENCOUNTERED AT THE SOUTHWEST BORDER

FY 2021 - FY 2023

*BOND GRANTED: 27

*ASYLUM GRANTED: AT LEA

*CASE TERMINATED: AT LE

*BY IMMIGRATION JUDGES

Yet another example of the administration's border policies involved a terror suspect caught in Yuma, Arizona, on April 17, 2022. Despite that, the border patrol released him, and he was "allowed to board a plane to Tampa, Florida. ... During pre-flight screening, the [Terrorist Screening Center] obtained additional information from [the Transportation Security Administration] and confirmed the migrant was a positive Terrorist Watchlist match. ICE [Enforcement and Removal Operations] (ERO) arrested the migrant more than 2 weeks later, on May 6, 2022."

FBI Letter

The Judiciary report supports a letter from 10 former FBI agents to leaders in the U.S. House and Senate.

The agents, <u>noted not only</u> the many terror watchlist suspects who have entered the country, but also the sheer number of military age men.

The agents wrote that "it would be difficult to overstate the danger" the illegal-alien invaders represent. The "men are potential operators in what appears to be an accelerated and strategic penetration, a soft invasion, designed to gain internal access to a country that cannot be invaded militarily in order to inflict catastrophic damage if and when enemies deem it necessary," they wrote.

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