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14 **IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
15 **FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA**

16 Carlos Yaser Barakat,

No. CV-25-04138-SMB-CDB

17 Petitioner,

STATUS UPDATE

18 v.

19 Unknown Party, *et al.*

20 Respondents.

STATUS UPDATE

21 On December 5, 2025, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Enforcement
22 and Removal Operations (ERO), flew Petitioner to Syria to effectuate Petitioner's removal
23 there. However, due to unforeseen circumstances, the flight was unable to land in Syria
24 and had to return to the United States. When the flight landed back in the United States,
25 Petitioner was returned to custody at the Eloy Detention Center. Because there are no
26 current removal plans to Syria, Respondents concede that Petitioner can likely establish
27 that there is no significant likelihood of his removal there in the reasonably foreseeable
28 future at this time. Accordingly, Respondents do not oppose the habeas petition's request
for release from custody on this basis.

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