

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
FORT MYERS DIVISION**

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YAZID SHABANA,
Petitioner,

v.

Case No. 2:26-cv-805-JES-NPM

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Glades County Detention Center

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Miami Field Office,

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ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES

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SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Respondents.

**PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS
(28 U.S.C. § 2241)**

DECLARATION OF PETITIONER

(In Support of Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus Under 28 U.S.C. §2241)

I, Yazid Shabana, declare under penalty of perjury that the following is true and correct:

Identity and Detention

1. I am the petitioner in this matter.
2. My Alien Registration Number is A 
3. I am currently detained in ICE custody at Glades County Detention Center in Florida.
4. I have been in continuous immigration detention since **August 7, 2025. (+6 months)**
5. I submit this declaration in support of my petition for writ of habeas corpus challenging my continued detention.

Immigration Proceedings

6. During my immigration court proceedings, the Immigration Judge ordered me removed to Canada, or in the alternative to Jordan. **(November 13, 2025) (+120 Days Ago)**
7. No other country was designated in the immigration judge's order of removal.
8. I am Palestinian and hold only one passport issued by the Palestinian Authority.

Prior Habeas Petition

9. I previously filed a petition for writ of habeas corpus in this Court challenging my continued detention.
10. That petition was dismissed without prejudice by the Honorable Judge John E. Steele because the Court determined that my petition was premature at that time.
11. The Court explained that the statutory detention period had not yet elapsed and that I could refile if circumstances changed or if detention continued beyond the presumptively reasonable period described in *Zadvydas v. Davis*.
12. I am filing this petition now because significant new developments have occurred since that dismissal, including direct communication with my Deportation Officer confirming that ICE cannot deport me.

Criminal Case in Pasco County

13. Prior to my ICE detention, I was arrested in Pasco County, Florida in connection with a vehicle transaction.
14. The issue arose from a misunderstanding related to the lien status of a vehicle and a financial mistake.
15. My criminal defense attorney has been working with the Pasco County State Attorney's Office to resolve the case.
16. The prosecutor and my attorney have reached an agreement that my case should be resolved through Pre-Trial Intervention (PTI).
17. PTI is a diversion program that allows the case to be resolved without a criminal conviction upon successful completion of program conditions.
18. The prosecutor acknowledged that the conduct involved a financial misunderstanding rather than intentional criminal activity.
19. My continued ICE detention has prevented me from resolving this matter promptly.

Refusal of Travel Documents

20. After the immigration judge issued the removal order, my assigned Deportation Officer informed me that Canada refused to accept me.
21. My Deportation Officer also informed me that Jordan refused to issue travel documents.
22. After those refusals, ICE attempted to explore removal to Israel, even though Israel was not designated as a country of removal in the immigration judge's order.

ICE Confirmation Through Tablet Communication

23. On or about January 9th, 2026, I sent a message to ICE through the detainee tablet system asking for clarification.

24. My message read:

"I am sending this request to ask a quick question. Based on my understanding ICE is trying to deport me to Canada, Jordan and Israel. One of the following countries I just mentioned. May I know please on which country's travel document I am waiting for. I remember that ICE DO told me Canada and Jordan denied my travel document. Are we waiting for Israel to respond?"

25. ICE responded to my message with the word:

"Correct."

26. This response confirmed my understanding of the removal attempts.

Pressure to Self-Deport (Post 90-Days)

27. My Deportation Officer later told me that ICE cannot deport me to Jordan because Jordan would not issue travel documents. (Feb 25th, 2026)

28. The officer then suggested that I could purchase my own airline ticket to Jordan through a commercial airline such as Qatar Airways. (Feb 25th, 2026)

29. I was told that when traveling through Qatar I should say that I was visiting family to the Qatari officials, and I was asked to book my own airline ticket and depart the United States voluntarily. I explained to the DO it is not possible for Palestinian to land in Qatar without a valid visa.

Inability to Enter Qatar or Other Countries

30. Even if I attempted to travel to Qatar voluntarily, I would not be admitted into Qatar without a visa.

31. As a Palestinian passport holder, I must obtain a visa before entering Qatar.

32. I do not have such a visa and cannot obtain one while detained.

33. My Palestinian passport provides very limited international travel access.

34. Because of these restrictions, I cannot lawfully enter Qatar or many other countries.

35. Therefore, even voluntary travel would likely result in denied boarding or refusal of entry.

Safety Concerns

36. The Middle East region is currently experiencing significant instability.
37. There is ongoing military conflict involving Iran and other countries in the region.
38. Returning to that region at this time presents serious safety concerns.
39. Remaining in the United States under supervision is far safer than being forced to travel into an unstable region.

Custody Review and Recommendation of Release

40. My Deportation Officer recently conducted a custody status interview with me.
41. During this interview the officer asked about:
 1. My education
 2. My residence
 3. My employment history
 4. My financial support
 5. My sponsor.
43. During this interview the Deportation Officer informed me that:
 1. ICE cannot deport me at this time, and the officer entered a recommendation for release under supervision into the DHS system, pending approval from a supervisor.

Communication With Deportation Officer

44. My Deportation Officer has repeatedly acknowledged that removal is not currently possible.
45. The Deportation Officer has also suggested that I consider filing a habeas corpus petition to challenge my continued detention.

Continued Detention

46. Despite these facts, I remain detained.
47. The countries designated in my removal order have refused to accept me.
48. ICE has attempted to explore other countries that were not listed in the immigration judge's removal order.
49. These circumstances demonstrate that there is no significant likelihood of removal in the reasonably foreseeable future.

Conclusion

50. Because:

- Canada refused acceptance
- Jordan refused travel documents
- Israel was not a designated country of removal
- I cannot legally enter other countries without visas
- ICE officers acknowledge deportation cannot presently occur
- ICE has recommended my release under supervision

There is no realistic or foreseeable country of removal at this time.

My continued detention therefore no longer serves the purpose of effectuating removal.

Relief Requested

WHEREFORE, Petitioner respectfully requests that this Court grant this Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus, order Petitioner's immediate release under appropriate supervision, and grant such other relief as the Court deems just and proper.

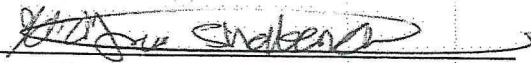
Declaration Under Penalty of Perjury

I declare under penalty of perjury that I am the petitioner, I have read this petition or had it read to me, and the information in this petition is true and correct. I understand that a false statement of material fact may serve as the basis for prosecution for perjury.

Name: _____

Date: _____

A-Number: _____



(Signature of Petitioner)