Trump Signs Order to Vet Refugees, Citing Terrorist Threats

WASHINGTON - U.S. President Donald Trump signed an executive order Friday evening vetting process for refugees coming into the United States, in the name of guarding against terrorist threats.

“We want to ensure that we are not admitting into our country the very threats our soldiers are fighting overseas,” Trump said, pointing the finger at the “radical Islamic terrorist” threat.

The White House released no details of the document, but did confirm that it may include an indefinite ban on Syrian refugees for 120 days and a four-month ban on all refugees as the administration reviews how the federal government assesses the level of risk in using old banknotes for daily transactions.

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