

A federal judge ruled Thursday that the 114 Iraqi immigrants facing deportation can stay in the U.S. for at least two more weeks as he sorts out whether the court has jurisdiction. Supporters say the immigrants would face persecution in Iraq since many of them are Christians.

The judge's decision was cheered by the ACLU of Michigan and attorneys for the Iraqi immigrants.

U.S. District Judge Mark Goldsmith said in a written opinion released Thursday: "The stay shall expire 14 days from today, unless otherwise ordered by the Court."

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