

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF
LOUISIANA, ALEXANDRIA DIVISION

Mahmoud Al Mohammad v. Angel Wolf

Mohammad · No. 1:26-CV-00223 · Decided May 1, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana issues a memorandum order in Mahmoud Al Mohammad’s 28 U.S.C. § 2241 habeas case challenging his continued immigration detention. The Court directs service of the petitions and order on specified government entities and requires the government to respond within 21 days with evidence concerning the finality of Mohammad’s removal order, the likelihood of removal, travel-document efforts, and the lawfulness of detention. Mohammad is given seven days to submit contradictory evidence, after which the Court will determine whether an evidentiary hearing is necessary.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana, Alexandria Division
WRITING FOR THE COURT	David J. Ayo
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana, Alexandria Division
DECIDED	May 1, 2026
DOCKET	1:26-CV-00223
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Petitioner filed a petition and amended petition for a writ of habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2241 challenging his continued immigration detention. The court ordered service and directed respondents to file a response supported by summary-judgment evidence.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	The court will determine, after the record is complete, whether genuine issues of material fact preclude summary judgment and require an evidentiary hearing.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Nonprecedential memorandum order
PARTIES	Mahmoud Al Mohammad v. Angel Wolf

TOPICS

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PRACTICE AREAS

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the court should require the government to respond to Mohammad's § 2241 petition challenging his continued immigration detention.
2. What briefing schedule and evidentiary submissions are appropriate to determine whether Mohammad's detention is lawful and whether factual disputes require an evidentiary hearing.

HOLDINGS

1. The court exercised its discretion to require the respondents to file a response to the petition and amended petition.
2. Respondents must file a response within 21 days after service, supported by summary-judgment evidence addressing the finality of the removal order, the likelihood of removal in the reasonably foreseeable future, the lawfulness of detention, and efforts to obtain travel documents; Mohammad then has seven days to submit contradictory evidence.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“IT IS ORDERED that a response be filed within 21 days after service on the United States Attorney for the Western District of Louisiana, with summary judgment evidence indicating whether Petitioner’s order of removal is final, whether there is a significant likelihood of removal in the reasonably foreseeable future, and whether Petitioner’s detention is otherwise lawful.”

“After the record is complete and delays have run, the Court will determine if genuine issues of material fact exist, which preclude summary judgment and necessitate an evidentiary hearing.”

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Mohammad is an immigration detainee held at River Correctional Center in Ferriday, Louisiana. He challenges his continued detention and seeks habeas relief under 28 U.S.C. § 2241. The court directed the government to provide evidence concerning the finality of any removal order, the likelihood of removal in the reasonably foreseeable future, the lawfulness of detention, and efforts to obtain travel documents.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Mahmoud Al Mohammad, an immigration detainee, filed a § 2241 habeas petition and an amended petition challenging the lawfulness of his continued detention. Before adjudicating entitlement to relief, the court ordered service on the United States, the Attorney General, DHS/ICE, and the detention facility warden, and established briefing deadlines.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- Danforth v. Minnesota, 552 U.S. 264, 278 (2008)
- Maniar v. Warden Pine Prairie Corr. Ctr., 6:18-CV-00544, 2018 WL 4869383, at *1 (W.D. La. 2018)
- Hickey v. Adler, 2008 WL 835764, at *2 (E.D. Cal. 2008)
- Castillo v. Pratt, 162 F. Supp. 2d 575, 577 (N.D. Tex. 2001)
- Wyant v. Edwards, 952 F. Supp. 348 (S.D. W.Va. 1997)
- Taylor v. Gusman, 20-CV-449, 2020 WL 1848073, at *1 (E.D. La. Apr. 13, 2020)

OPINION

Mohammad

PER CURIAM.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

ALEXANDRIA DIVISION

MAHMOUD AL MOHAMMAD #A221-348-374 CASE NO. 1:26-CV-00223 SEC P

VERSUS JUDGE EDWARDS

ANGEL WOLF MAGISTRATE JUDGE DAVID J. AYO

MEMORANDUM ORDER

Before the Court is a PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS UNDER 28 U.S.C. § 2241 [Doc. 1] and AMENDED PETITION [Doc. 3] filed by Petitioner Mahmoud Al Mohammad ("Mohammad"), an immigration detainee at the River Correctional Center in Ferriday, Louisiana. Mohammad challenges his continued detention. A court may order a respondent to file an answer, motion, or other response, in its discretion. See generally 28 U.S.C. § 2243; Rule 4 of the Rules Governing § 2254 Cases; Danforth v. Minnesota, 552 U.S. 264, 278 (2008); Maniar v. Warden Pine Prairie Corr. Ctr., 6:18-CV-00544, 2018 WL 4869383, at *1 (W.D. La. 2018) (Hanna, M.J.)¹. And this Court has determined that a 21 day briefing schedule with seven days to reply is reasonable and appropriate in similar cases. To determine whether Mohammad is entitled to relief, THE CLERK IS DIRECTED to serve a summons, a copy of the PETITION [Doc. 1], AMENDED PETITION [Doc. 3], and a copy of this Order, by certified mail, on: (1) the United States through the United States Attorney for the Western District of Louisiana; (2) the United States Attorney General; (3) 1 Under Rule 1(b), the Rules Governing § 2254 Cases also apply to § 2241 habeas cases. See Hickey v. Adler, 2008 WL 835764, *2 (E.D. Cal. 2008); Castillo v. Pratt, 162 F. Supp. 2d 575, 577 (N.D. Tex. 2001); Wyant v. Edwards, 952 F. Supp. 348 (S.D. W.Va. 1997); see also Taylor v. Gusman, 20-CV-449, 2020 WL 1848073, at *1 (E.D. La. Apr. 13, 2020) ("District courts

are therefore free to apply these rules to habeas petitions brought under 28 U.S.C. § 2241.”). DHS/ICE through its Office of General Counsel; and by regular mail on (4) the Warden where Mohammad is detained. IT IS ORDERED that a response be filed within 21 days after service on the United States Attorney for the Western District of Louisiana, with summary judgment evidence indicating whether Petitioner’s order of removal is final, whether there is a significant likelihood of removal in the reasonably foreseeable future, and whether Petitioner’s detention is otherwise lawful. This evidence shall include information regarding efforts made to obtain travel documents from any country. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Petitioner shall then have seven days to produce contradictory summary judgment evidence on the issue of the lawfulness of his detention. After the record is complete and delays have run, the Court will determine if genuine issues of material fact exist, which preclude summary judgment and necessitate an evidentiary hearing. If no hearing is necessary, a Report and Recommendation will be issued without further notice. THUS DONE in Chambers on this 1st day of May, 2026. United States Magistrate Judge