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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

**CIVIL MINUTES – GENERAL**

Case No. 5:26-cv-00398-FWS-AGR

Date: March 4, 2026

Title: Akop Dzhulakyan v. Kristi Noem *et al.*

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Present: **HONORABLE FRED W. SLAUGHTER, UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**

Rolls Royce Paschal  
Deputy Clerk

N/A  
Court Reporter

Attorneys Present for Petitioners:

Attorneys Present for Respondents:

Not Present

Not Present

**PROCEEDINGS: (IN CHAMBERS) ORDER DENYING PRELIMINARY  
INJUNCTION; DISCHARGING ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE RE  
SANCTIONS; REFERRING FURTHER PROCEEDINGS TO  
ASSIGNED MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

Petitioner Akop Dzhulakyan brings this Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241 against Respondents Kristi Noem, Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security; Todd Lyons, Acting Director of Immigration and Customs Enforcement; and Fereti Semaia, an administrator at Adelanto Detention Center. (Dkt. 1 (Petition).) On February 10, 2026, the court granted Petitioner’s *Ex Parte* Application for Temporary Restraining Order, ordering Respondents to release Petitioner from custody on or before February 13, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time. (Dkt. 8.) Respondents did so. (Dkt. 14; Dkt. 14-1.) The court finds these matters appropriate for resolution without oral argument. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 78(b) (“By rule or order, the court may provide for submitting and determining motions on briefs, without oral hearings.”); C.D. Cal. L.R. 7-15 (authorizing courts to “dispense with oral argument on any motion except where an oral hearing is required by statute”). Accordingly, the **in-person hearing** scheduled for **March 5, 2026**, is **VACATED** and **OFF CALENDAR**.

Based on the current record, as applied to the relevant law, the court finds the relief granted in the Temporary Restraining Order was provided, and Petitioner fails to make an adequate showing that a Preliminary Injunction affording further relief is warranted at this time. Accordingly, the court **DENIES** Petitioners’ request for a preliminary injunction. However, the court’s prior order that “Petitioner shall not be removed or relocated from the Central District of California, pending further order of court” remains in full effect. (Dkt. 6.)

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Although the court is concerned about the government’s repeated failure to respond to filings in this case, the court **DISCHARGES** the Order to Show Cause regarding sanctions. (Dkt. 11.)

Finally, the court observes that this case has been referred to Magistrate Judge Alicia G. Rosenberg, who issued on February 2, 2026, an Order Requiring Response to the Petition. (Dkt. 4.) Pursuant to General Order No. 05-07, further proceedings on the merits of the Petition are **REFERRED** to Magistrate Judge Rosenberg for decision.