

Signed immigration order to keep 'terrorists out': President Trump

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Washington: US President Donald Trump has justified his controversial executive order on immigration. In his weekly address to the nation that also made its debut on Facebook and YouTube, the President said that "it will help keep terrorists out of the country".

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Underlining his responsibility as the head of the state, Trump said, "I will never forget that my responsibility is to keep you -- the American people -- safe and free."

"That's why last week I signed an executive order to help keep terrorists out of our country. The executive order establishes a process to develop new vetting and mechanisms to ensure those coming into America love and support our people. That they have good intentions," Trump added.

Trump last week signed the executive order to suspend the arrival of refugees and impose tough new controls on travellers from Iraq, Syria, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan and Yemen.

On every single front, Trump said his administration is working to deliver for American workers and American families. "You, the law-abiding citizens of this country, are my total priority. Your safety, your jobs and your wages guide our decisions," he said.

Noting that this week he nominated Neil Gorsuch for the United States Supreme Court, Trump said his nominee is a man of principle.

"He has an impeccable resume. He is widely respected by everyone. And, Judge Gorsuch's proven track record upholding the Constitution makes him the ideal person to fill the vacancy left by the late, great Antonin Scalia, a truly fabulous justice," he said.

This week his administration also took significant action to roll back the massive regulation that is devastating the economy and crippling American companies and jobs, the President added.

"That's why I have issued a new executive order to create a permanent structure of regulatory reduction. This order requires that for every one new regulation, two old regulations must -- and I mean must -- be eliminated. It's out of control," he said.

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