

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
ABILENE DIVISION

IMMACULATE NDIRANGU,

Petitioner,

v.

No. 1:26-CV-00340-H

WARDEN, BLUEBONNET
DETENTION CENTER,¹

Respondent.

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE, NOTICE, AND INSTRUCTIONS TO PARTIES

In this consolidated habeas action, Petitioner challenges the legality of his immigration detention under 28 U.S.C. § 2241. *See* Dkt. Nos. 1, 5, 6. After conducting a preliminary review, the Court finds good cause to order briefing as follows:

Respondent's Answer: Respondent is directed to file an answer to Petitioner's consolidated petitions within **20 days** from the date of this order. *See* Dkt. Nos. 1, 6; *see also* 28 U.S.C. § 2243. All applicable issues must be raised in the answer filed by Respondent. No extensions will be granted absent a showing of good cause.

Respondent must mail a copy of the answer, together with a copy of any supporting brief filed therewith, to Petitioner at the address set out in Petitioner's pleadings or to his or her attorney of record, if any. Respondent must file a certificate with the Clerk evidencing such service.

¹ The Clerk is directed to change the caption to reflect that the Warden of the Bluebonnet Detention Center is the only proper respondent. *See Rumsfeld v. Padilla*, 542 U.S. 426, 434–35 (2004) (explaining that there is generally only one proper respondent in a habeas case, and that is the person who holds the petitioner in custody). All other named respondents will be terminated from this civil action.

In addition, Respondent must file within **three days** from the date of this order, a notice addressing whether the government will commit not to remove Petitioner pending the Court's resolution of this habeas petition. Respondent's notice should also address what notice, if any, Respondent will give Petitioner and the Court prior to moving Petitioner outside the Court's jurisdiction.

Records: Respondent must file with the answer all records relevant to the resolution of the petitioner's consolidated habeas petitions.

Petitioner's Response: Petitioner may file a response to Respondent's answer within **20 days** from the date shown on Respondent's certificate of service. Petitioner's response must be limited to the arguments raised by Respondent and shall not include any new allegations of fact or new grounds for relief. Petitioner must mail a copy of any response to counsel for Respondent and must file a certificate with the Clerk evidencing such service.

Hearing: The Court will determine whether a hearing is necessary after it reviews Respondent's answer and Petitioner's reply.

Service of Petition and Order: Copies of all pleadings, motions, and orders will be served electronically upon the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Texas, pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 5(b)(2)(E) and by prior agreement of the Office of the United States Attorney, Northern District of Texas. The Clerk shall mail a copy of this order to Petitioner or his or her attorney of record.

Dated August 6, 2026.



JAMES WESLEY HENDRIX
United States District Judge