

Thanks to Chicago Terrorists, India Changes Visa Rules

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India is taking some precautionary measures after the arrest of Chicagoan David Coleman Headley as a terror suspect in the 2008 Mumbai attacks.

The Asian country has revised its tourist-visa regulations, affecting those with long-term tourist visas, the India Times reports.

“Americans with five- or ten-year tourist visas will no longer be allowed to enter India within two months of their last departure from India if their last visit was longer than 90 days or if they have stayed longer than 180 days during the past year,” an advisory on the Indian embassy site stated.

The tighter regulations come just weeks after the arrest of Headley, a Pakistani-American from Chicago, and Pakistani-Canadian Tahawwur Rana Hussain, both accused of plotting the Mumbai attacks and allegedly planning another terrorist attack on a Danish newspaper that had published controversial cartoons depicting the Prophet Muhammad.

Other types of visa will not be affected, but tourists who want to go to India more than once in two months will need to wait until their request is approved by Indian authorities, a process that can take up to two weeks.