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Khashoggi killing: US issues travel bans against 16 Saudis

Move comes as state department tries to fend off criticism over reaction to killing of Saudi journalist

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The US secretary of state, Mike Pompeo, has issued travel bans against 16 Saudi Arabians, including a former aide to the crown prince, Mohammed bin Salman, as he tries to fend off bipartisan criticism of the state department's reaction to the killing of the dissident Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi.

The state department designations make the 16 individuals and their immediate family members ineligible for entry into the US.

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