
Alabama Governor Sues Obama for Refusal to Follow 1980 US Refugee Act

WASHINGTON, January 7 (Sputnik) - US President Barack Obama is disobeying the law in his refusal to comply with the 1980 US Refugee Act, the US state of Alabama Governor's Office said in a release on Thursday. On November 15, Alabama Governor Robert Bentley said that he would not accept Syrian refugees into his state. "Governor Robert Bentley on Thursday announced the State of Alabama has filed a lawsuit against the federal government for non-compliance of the Refugee Act of 1980," the release stated. The lawsuit states that Obama has not given Alabama the necessary information to decipher which refugees have settled or will be settled in the state. "On three separate occasions I have sent letters to the White House requesting information on the Refugee Reception Program in Alabama and these letters have gone unanswered," Bentley said. He said the Alabama constitution gives him the power to protect the state's citizens. "My number one concern is the safety for the people of Alabama and making sure an outdated, archaic and dangerous process that excludes the states is eliminated," Bentley stated. He concluded he hopes the lawsuit gets him the necessary information his administration requires. In October, Obama stated the United States would allow 10,000 Syrian refugee into the country during 2016. The decision led to widespread opposition among lawmakers, state governors, and the general public out of concern for the nation's security. On December 16, US House Speaker Paul Ryan said the US Senate will hold a debate in 2016 on the issue of Syrian refugee settlement in the United