

Stop Deportations to Iraq

Since the US led invasion of Iraq in 2003, which was backed by the UK, an estimated 4.7 million people have been forced to leave their homes. Even though troops may be withdrawing and UK and US governments claim that security in Iraq is improved, religious and sectarian violence and persecution continues.



People continue to be killed by armed groups, Iraqi security forces and private military and security groups. Kidnappings, torture, ill-treatment and arbitrary detention continue to effect the daily lives of Iraqis. Why should refugees be expected to return to places where they have seen their families killed, where they have seen their lives destroyed and where they face further danger?"



The situation for Iraqi refugees in the UK, like that in many other countries is a tragedy, with many thousands forced into destitution or are locked up indefinitely in detention centres and faced with the prospect of being deported to a war torn country they've risked everything to escape.

"I don't know when I'll see my partner or my daughter again. I speak to them in tears on the phone every night. I am still in shock after being sent back. I have had to change my name so I'm not targeted by the same people who threatened to kill me before. The people who are still in the UK should take a stand against the policy of both their government and the KRG."

– Abbas, deported in February, 2009

In recent months hundreds of Iraqi refugees have been separated from family and friends, arrested, handcuffed and forced onto special deportation flights to Iraq. Many have since committed suicide, been kidnapped or killed in car bombs.



The International Federation of Iraqi Refugees are currently demonstrating outside the United Nations office in Geneva against policies that victimise Iraqi asylum seekers in Europe. We protest in solidarity with them here in Cardiff,

there have also been solidarity demonstrations in London. For more information about the International Federation of Iraqi Refugees and their demands check out www.csdiraq.com.

31-33 Newport Road is the Wales and South West regional office of the UK Border Agency. The section of the Home Office that makes decisions over all aspects of the 'migration management' including claims for asylum, and is responsible for detaining and deporting thousands of migrants every year.



No Borders South Wales is part of a transnational network of autonomous groups advocating freedom of movement and equality for all. We encourage and support campaigns against deportation, detention and social control. We work on a non-hierarchical, anti-authoritarian basis, using consensus decision making. noborderswales.org.uk