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INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF IRAQI REFUGEES-IFIR

1 December 2008

URGENT – TAKE ACTION

Campaigner to be forcibly deported to Iraq tomorrow



Mr Babaker in front of Kurdistan Regenar Government & Home office in london

RE: Mr Abbas Ali Babakr, S1113909/2 ,D.O.B;01-01-1951

Abbas Ali Babakir, a campaigner for the International Federation of Iraqi refugees in the UK, is to be deported at 16.15 tomorrow from Heathrow on Royal Jordanian airlines.

He has had his request for asylum turned down and is currently being held at Campsfield detention centre awaiting removal.

He arrived in the UK in 2001 following threats to his life from the PUK and believes his life will be in danger if he returns to Iraq. His family was responsible for guarding an oil refinery for the British Government. This led to strife between the family and the PUK and KDP (the two parties making up the Kurdish Regional Government). The PUK have persecuted Abbas' family since 1993.

Immediately prior to Abbas taking the decision to leave Iraq two of his relatives were arrested and murdered by the PUK. If he had remained in Iraq he feels sure he would have met the same fate. The PUK are still the ruling party in charge of his village (Gardaspean) and he fears if he returns he will be arrested or killed. Abbas was forced to leave his wife and five children, one of whom is disabled, behind in Iraq: if there was any possibility of a safe return to Iraq Mr Babakir would have returned to Iraq many years ago.

Please send urgent faxes/emails immediately to Rt. Hon Jacqui Smith, MP, Secretary of State for the Home Office, asking that Abbas' planned deportation be cancelled. Please use the 'model letter' below or write your own version. If you do so, please remember to include his HO ref: S1113909/2.

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'Model Letter'

**Rt Hon Jacqui Smith
Home Secretary
The Home Office
2 Marsham St
London
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Date: 10-11-2008

Dear Ms Smith,

RE: Mr Abbas Ali Babakir, S1113909/2 DOB 01/01/1951

Dear Ms Smith,

Abbas Ali Babakir, HO Ref: S1113909/2, from Iraq and resident of Hounslow is detained in Campsfield House IRC and due to be forcibly removed from the UK on Tuesday 2nd December on Royal Jordanian flight RJ112 from Heathrow @ 16:15, flying to Jordan, and then on to Erbil, Kurdistan.

I have made myself familiar with the case of Abbas Ali Babakir and would like you to use your discretion to prevent the removal of Abbas from the UK on Tuesday 2nd December 2008.

Mr. Babakir arrived in the UK in 2001 following threats to his life from the PUK. Mr. Babakir believes his life will be in danger if he returns to Iraq. Mr. Babakir's family (Merawdalie clan) was responsible for guarding an oil refinery for the British Government this led to strife between the family and the PUK and KDP (the two parties making up the Kurdish Regional Government). The PUK have persecuted Mr. Babakir's family since 1993, when they confiscated his family's land.

Immediately prior to Mr. Babakir taking the decision to leave Iraq two of his relatives were arrested and murdered by the PUK. If Mr. Babakir had remained in Iraq he feels sure he would have met the same fate. The PUK are still the ruling party in charge of Mr. Babakir's village (Gardaspean) and he fears if he returns he will be arrested or killed. Mr Babakir was forced to leave his wife and five children behind in Iraq, one of his daughters is disabled. If there was any possibility of a safe return to Iraq Mr Babakir would have returned to Iraq many years ago.

Mr Babakir is a well known campaigner for the International Federation of Iraqi refugees in the UK and has been outspoken in his condemnation of the PUK and KDP, the ruling parties in the Kurdish Regional Government (KRG) in Northern Iraq. I refer you to the case of Kadir Salah (also a campaigner for the Iraqi refugees in the UK), who returned voluntarily to Iraq in 2005 and was kidnapped shortly after his return by the PUK.

For all of the above reasons I fear Mr Babakir's life will be in danger if he is returned to Northern Iraq. I request that you review Mr Babakir's case, release him from detention immediately and grant him indefinite leave to remain on compassionate grounds.

Yours Sincerely,

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