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To: Federation of Iraqi Refugees,

Report on the plight of Iranian refugees in Kurdistan and Iraq by the Refugees Community of East Kurdistan - Sulaymaniyah.

Today, thousands of people around the world are forced to flee their homes in search of a quiet and safe life owing to war, poor economic conditions, threats, and discrimination.

Iranian Kurdish refugees, some of whom fled to Iraq at the start of the war between Iran and Iraq, and later the Islamic Republic of Iran's repression, oppression, deprivation of rights, and systematic discrimination of these Iranians, especially the Kurdish nation, caused thousands of people to flee to Iraq and the Kurdistan Region.

Some of them were able to migrate to third countries, but another group of refugees, approximately ten thousand political refugees, remain in a precarious situation in the Kurdistan Region, worsened by the Iraqi government and the Kurdistan Regional Government on the one hand, and the UN High Commissioner for Refugees on the other. They receive no attention, although both the Iraqi and Kurdistan Regional Governments deny them the most basic human rights outlined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Iraqi Government and Refugees

Article 21, paragraph 2 of the Federal Republic of Iraq's Constitution specifies that the right to political asylum is governed by law, although Iraq still lacks a refugee law. As a result, these refugees have been denied their basic rights and live in inhumane conditions.

Some of these refugees have been in Iraq for over four decades. Their children and grandchildren were born in the country, but they are not granted personal status documents (Personal Status Law No. 26 of 2006). Kurdistan has issued them, but they are not valid in government institutions.

Because they lack identity documents, their homes are not registered in their names, they are not issued a general driver's license, their private driver's license must be renewed every year along with their residency permission, and they are unable to work for themselves. They must be registered in the name of an Iraqi.



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They are not issued passports, so they are unable to travel outside of Iraq for treatment, resulting in many fatalities.

The political conflict and animosity between Baghdad and the Kurdistan Region, on the one hand, and the political and economic relations between Iran, Iraq, and the Kurdistan Region, on the other, have completely ignored Iranian Kurdish refugees.

Regional Government

Kurdistan and Refugees

Almost all Iranian refugees, especially Iranian Kurds, live in the Kurdistan Region. As we have already mentioned, due to pressure and political and economic interests with Iran, no assistance and facilities are provided to Iranian Kurdish refugees.

1- Residence Card

After a lengthy process, the refugee is given a one-year residence permit that is not valid in any governmental or non-governmental institutes, to the degree that the refugee cannot open a proxy, bail someone out, or even purchase a mobile SIM card with the card.

The issuing of this card has been totally halted after the Zhina Revolution, and no residence permits will be granted to refugees. Even though the Refugees Community of East Kurdistan-Sulaymaniyah has been pushing the authorities to extend the residence permit of refugees who have been in the Kurdistan Region for more than 20 years to three years. Despite the refugees' poor financial circumstances, their residence permit must be renewed every year, with a fee of \$17.5 USD for each day late.

2- Labor Law

1- Iranian Kurdish refugees are unable to work for themselves and must work on behalf of an Iraqi. They are unable to work in both the public and private sectors since they do not have Iraqi identity cards. This certainly means starvation and the "gradual" death of Iranian Kurdish refugees.



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- 2- A refugee cannot register a house in his own name.
- 3- To prohibit refugees from working, a general driving license is not issued (Traffic Law), but a private license is issued and must be renewed every year with a cost, even though there is no legal text requiring this payment every year.
- 4- Refugees can study up to a bachelor's degree, however those who have completed high school in Iran must visit the Iranian consulate to legalize their qualifications; however, because they are refugees, they are unable to attend the embassy and hence cannot continue their education.
- 5- These refugees are so marginalised that they are unable to open a proxy, bail someone out, or even purchase a SIM card in their own name.
- 6- Due to a lack of passports, Iranian Kurdish refugees are unable to travel outside of Iraq, even for medical treatment.
- 7- Iranian Kurdish Refugees are not given any security protection. In recent years, there have been several assassinations and attempted assassinations.

High Commissioner for Refugees in the Kurdistan Region

The UNHCR oversees protecting the rights of refugees and working to put the Universal Declaration of Human Rights into practice.

For refugees in the Kurdistan Region, UNHCR has only provided an asylum card which is sometimes defective. Each year, this asylum card must be renewed.

The website for refugees indicates that they will contact refugees within 15 days. Many of our refugees, however, have had their applications languishing for more than six months. Prior to 2022, it only helped once during the winter; now, despite knowing how severe the situation is for refugees, this assistance is no longer available.

The UNHCR set up certain conditions for refugees to get financial support for illness or surgery, but refugees who applied and completed all the requirements have not received assistance and are unwilling to reimburse them.

The UNHCR clearly distinguishes between refugees from other countries and Iranian refugees in terms of the assistance and services it provides.



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They suspect that asylum cards were issued to Iraqi people in order for them to acquire assistance and support from another country.

Refugees are eligible for one-time cash aid, and they must now be notified by phone. If they are unable to locate the refugee, the system will record that the refugee failed to respond or receive it.

RCOEK-S Requests to the Federation of Refugees

Based on the foregoing, the RCOEK-S presents these demands for the silent voice of refugees in order for you to help us.

1. Put Pressure on the UNHCR in Iraq and the Kurdistan Region to assist Iranian refugees. Reimburse refugees who have been involved in traffic accidents or chronic illnesses or have undergone surgery and help them to earn a living.

Due to a lack of asylum laws, all refugees in Iraq and the Kurdistan Region are denied access to their fundamental rights. They don't have identification cards, and many of their children and grandchildren in Iraq are older than 40.

There is a risk of deportation for refugees because UNHCR is currently less concerned with renewing asylum cards and registering new refugees. Establish a transitional camp for newly arrived refugees in the Kurdistan Region and provide for their protection while they wait to receive their asylum cards and complete their initial administrative tasks.

The amount of financial aid that was previously allocated for refugees is currently being given to Syrian refugees and Iranian refugees are deprived of it.

Some refugees have previously been accepted to be sent to a third country, but the UNHCR has issued them with new asylum cards on the grounds that their files have been lost. And they are now registered as new refugees with new asylum cards.

Iranian refugees are at risk of terrorism and organizations that prepare reports on refugees for UNHCR are under political pressure to hide the facts, and UNHCR itself is not exempt from this pressure. Therefore, we request that a group that can investigate and verify the facts be invited to visit the Kurdistan Regional Government to verify the facts behind the facts being conveyed. All facts are archived by RCOEK-S and can help uncover the truth.

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The security agencies cannot protect refugees from terrorism by Iranian state teams, so moving to a country where their lives are safe is the demand of most refugees.

- 2. Pressure the Iraqi government to pass and implement the asylum law. Unless there is a refugee law in Iraq and the Kurdistan Region, neither of them considers itself obliged to grant refugees the right to issue temporary passports.
- 3. RCOEK-S is a non-governmental organization working to help Iranian refugees and advocate for their rights in the Kurdistan Region to create a decent life for them.

RCOEK-S asks you to be their true voice with the relevant authorities to reduce or eliminate the problems of these refugees that are directly related to their livelihoods.

Some of the available evidence is attached.

This refers to Iranian refugees living in the Kurdistan Region.

Sincerely,

On behalf of the Refugees Community of East Kurdistan - Sulaymaniyah.

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He suffers from heart disease and underwent surgery at a cost of **\$1,800**. He receives **\$80** a month for medical treatment, which has not been paid for by UNHCR.



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He has asthma and his family has rheumatoid arthritis. They need **180,000 IQD** monthly for medicine, UNHCR has not provided any assistance.

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Their daughter, Nasrin, has undergone heart surgery and spent **\$3,000**. She needs medication for **\$60** a month, none of which has been paid by UNHCR.



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Servah Ali was told that the UNHCR aid had been returned because she had not received it herself without being notified.

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He has undergone heart surgery and spent **1,200,000 IQD**. He needs **200,000 IQD** monthly for medicine.



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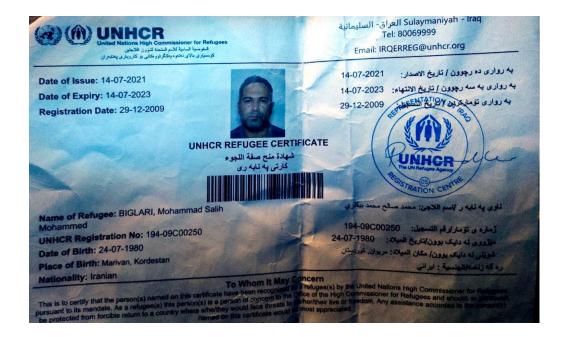


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Mohammad Bigleri had an accident at work, was unable to work for four months and has a special headache. UNHCR has not provided any assistance.



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Bahrooz Saleh Rahim Rahimi was assassinated.



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Ali has been applying for the renewal of his UNHCR card for four months.

