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Demonstration in front of detention centre in Zurich against the Swiss asylum and migration policy.

On Saturday 21 November 2010, 1000 people marched from the Romlakgbole to the detention centre near Zurich airport. The demonstration was attended by many groups and refugees including the International Federation of Iraqi Refugees (IFIR). There were several speakers at the demo. Ahmad Ali spoke on behalf of the IFIR about the political situation in Iraq, and the Kurdish refugees held in the Zurich airport detention centre. Several Iraqi Kurdish refugees have attempted suicide in this detention centre. Ahmad also spoke about the human rights policy of the Swiss Government. Ahmed finished his speech talking about the conditions that have led Iraqi and Kurdish refugees to leave Iraq.

The demonstrators chanted the following slogans:
no one is illegal: Stop deportation policy, right to



stay right to work, stop detaining refugees,
Detainees inside the detention centre joined the demonstration chanting the slogans.

Capitalism is the source of all kinds of discrimination and racism.

Dashty Jamal speech from TCAR demo in Newcastle on 20th November

In the name of the International Federation of Iraqi Refugees, I very warmly welcome you to today's demonstration. I thank Tyneside Community Action Against Racism for inviting me to take part in this demo and I would like to thank them for the fantastic work they do for equality and dignity in society.

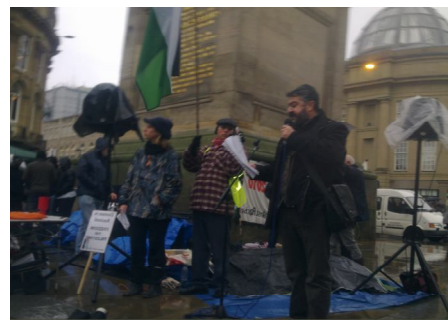
We have gathered today in protest against racism and all kinds of discriminations between human beings. Our shared humanity is the main basis of equal citizenship between people. Our action today is part of the fight against war, hunger, and suppression. We stand here with our comrades in the International Federation of Iraqi Refugees who, because of their collective action, have forced the Kurdistan Regional Government in the north of Iraq to stop accepting deportations into their airports. This is a great victory for our movement and it has come because we worked together, across borders in

a coordinated campaign. Unfortunately though the European Governments are now sending people back to Baghdad. We must fight this and we must fight all deportations, all detention and all discrimination in our society.

We must stand against this inequality but we still have to ask ourselves: what is the root of the discrimination and racism? What should we do to save our society from the war of racism and discrimination, and how can we build a human society?

The capitalist system has divided human beings on the basis of race, nationality, religion, language, skin color, West, East, North, South. It has put the working class around the world in a war of inequality, confronting each other.

In this advanced human society racism and discrimination are a shame and a disgrace. Shame on the system which discriminates against people under the pretext of being woman, Palestinian,



Buddhist, Jewish, or Islamic. Shame on the people who are so proud of their race, religion and culture that they cut themselves off from the modernism of society and humanity's destiny. Shame on the system or the authority which forces people to seek asylum from a society destroyed by war.

The human beings of this particular time can see clearly in these events that they have one destiny. When the war erupted in Iraq and

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IFIR continues its campaign in Kurdistan and Iraq

Following our successful campaign that pressured the Kurdistan Regional Government to stop accepting deportations into the north of Iraq, the International Federation of Iraq Refugees has continued to campaign against deportations in Kurdistan and the rest of Iraq. In October IFIR representatives met with various senior members of the Kurdish and Iraqi Parliaments to explain the situation of Iraqi and Kurdish refugees and demand they take action to support them. The popular campaign in Kurdistan also continued with more and more people expressing support and signing the petition and prominent media appearances for IFIR representatives and deportees and their families. While previously hundreds of people were being deported each month, since April there have been no deportations to the KRG. We feel that this is an important victory for our movement and we thank you for your support in this.

The focus of the campaign has now turned to stopping deportations to Baghdad that have started since the KRG refused to accept deportations into the north. We now give a brief summary of the events of the last month.

Meeting in the Kurdish Parliament

IFIR representatives (Dashty Jamal, Amanj Abdullah, Erfan Karem, Are Jalal, Bakhtar) visited the Kurdistan Parliament to meet with the Vice President, Dr Arsalan Baiz and Salar Mahmood, the head of the human rights committee, along with other members of human right committee of Kurdistan Parliament. Baiz and Mahmood promised to discuss and put pressure on the Iraqi Government to stop accepting forcible deportees to Baghdad or other Iraqi airports, and to look into the abuse suffered by deportees at the hands of British security guards and the Iraqi police. They promised to take action on the demands of deportees now living in Kurdistan for a job or unemployment benefit. In addition, they committed to giving permission for an IFIR office in Kurdistan as soon as possible.

IFIR gave letters supporting the IFIR, written by campaigning groups, trade unions and Members of Parliament in the UK and 700 petitions demanding:

1. The Kurdistan Regional Government puts pressure on the Iraqi authorities to stop accepting Iraqi refugees forcibly deported from the EU to Baghdad.
2. All agreements with the EU government regarding the deportation of Kurdish refugees are immediately



cancelled.

3. Baghdad airport is not allowed to be used by the EU Government to return Iraqi & Kurdish refugees.
4. The KRG Authorities take steps to stop violence against deportees through a dialogue with the Iraqi central authorities
5. Support people deported in the last 5 years .

IFIR representative met head of office of UNHCR

On 14-10-2010 IFIR representatives Dashty Jamal and Amanj Abdullah met with Charles Lynch, the head of the UNHCR office in Erbil city.

The IFIR representatives talked about the current situation of Iraqi refugees in Europe and the mass forcible deportation policy in Europe. They asked for more action by UNHCR to pressure the European governments to respect the human rights charter and the Geneva Convention 1951.

In addition, they asked the UNHCR to facilitate the re-integration of people who had been deported.

At the end of the meeting they gave a letter of a complaint to the United Nations against the UK Government and their Border Agency (UKBA), and the Iraqi police about their assaulting and injuring deportees in Baghdad and the necessary supporting evidence and photographs.

IFIR representative met Iraqi MPs in the Iraqi parliament office in Sulaymanea.

On the 25th October an IFIR representative met with Saman Fawzy Iraqi MP in the Iraqi Parliament office in Sulaymanea and talked with more than 5 other Iraqi MP's about the Iraqi agreement with some European government to send Iraqi refugees back to Iraq by force.

The IFIR representatives gave the letters demanding the agreement be stopped and no more forcible deportations be accepted by the EU Governments.

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IFIR in London , Dublin and Kurdistan condemn the assault on Iraqi refugees at Bahgdad Airport

On the 6th October 2010 IFIR held demonstrations in front of the Iraqi Embassy in London and Dublin. An IFIR delegation also protested to the KRG Parliament to protest the mistreatment of Iraqi refugees whilst being deported by G4S and the Iraqi police at Bagdad airport. The protest was also calling for the Iraq Parliament to end the agreement with several EU countries to accept forcibly deported Iraqi refugees.

London

The demonstration in London started at 12.30 on the 6th October. The protesters chanted the following slogans:

We condemn the assault on Iraqi refugees. Stop the agreement with EU countries that plays with the lives of Iraqi refugees;
Iraq is unsafe - Kurdistan is Unsafe;
Asylum rights are human rights - Iraqi refugees say no to deportation;
Hands off Iraqi refugees - Iraqi refugees are victims of war and occupation. In London, Aso Goran



a member of the IFIR secretariat, and IFIR secretary Dashty Jamal made speeches about the political situation in Iraq and the assault upon Iraqi refugees whilst been deported by G4S and Iraqi police in Baghdad . They called for an end to the agreement to accept forcibly returned Iraqi refugees and the continuing d a n g e r s of the policy of deportation. The IFIR campaign will continue until this inhuman policy is stopped.

Aso Goran delivered letters to the Iraqi embassy from IFIR addressed to the Iraqi President, Prime Minister and the President of Kurdistan. The letters called on them to stop the agreement with EU countries and to stop accepting deportations to Baghdad Airport. We call

on all European Governments to release all Iraqi Detainees.

Dublin

On 6th October in front of Parliament in Dublin many anti asylum groups and refugees attended a demonstration. The demonstration was called to protest against Iraqi refugees being forcibly returned to a war zone. Bahroz spoke on behalf of IFIR regarding the political situation in Iraq. He also spoke about the IFIR campaign across Europe against the inhuman policy of forcible deportation.

Sulaymania

On 6th October IFIR delegation led by Amang Abdula went to the KRG office's to hand a letter to the President of the KRG. The same day the delegation went to the offices of the Kurdistan parliament to hand a letter from the IFIR secretary to members of parliament and the President of the parliament.

9/9/10 PRESS RELEASE

Iraqi refugees assaulted on mass deportation flight to Baghdad

Iraqi refugees have been assaulted by British security guards and Iraqi police on the mass deportation flight that left London for Baghdad on Monday night carrying more than sixty people. The International Federation of Iraqi Refugees has seen photographs of the injuries inflicted and will be making a formal complaint to the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR).

Sabar Saleh Saeed, who was on the plane, says: "they took us from the detention centre by coach to Luton airport and put 62 of us on the plane guarded by more than 100 bodyguards. There was one Iranian citizen

being deported to Baghdad with us. The flight left at 1.00 am.

When we arrived in Baghdad we refused to get off the plane. One Iraqi policeman came on and said if we did not come down they would make us go down by force but we said we are being forcibly deported: we will not come down.

We stayed where we were but the G4S security guards forced handcuffs on us and started to beat us when they were dragging us off the plane. They were swearing at us, beating us. Four of them grabbed me to force me off the plane. They grabbed my neck and punched me. My eyes went dark. I could not see any light. I saw many other refugees with blood running down their faces.

When I was on the steps on the plane they were still boxing me. There were a lot of Iraqi police there. They took over from the G4S guards when I had got off. Then the Iraqi police beat us with their sticks. Those of us who had Iraqi ID were released.

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IFIR complaint letter to UNHCR

Re: assault on forcible deportation flight to Baghdad

To whom it may concern

We are writing to register a complaint with the United Nations against the UK Government and their Home Office and Border Agency (UKBA), and the Iraqi police.

Iraq refugees deported on the night of the 5th September from the UK, in contravention of UN guidelines, were assaulted by G4S security guards contracted by the UK Border Agency and Iraqi police on the mass deportation flight.

Sabha Saleh Saeed, who was on the plane, told the International Federation of Iraqi Refugees:

“they took us from the detention centre by coach to Luton airport and put 62 of us on the plane guarded by more than 100 bodyguards. There was one Iranian citizen being deported to Baghdad with us. The flight left at 1.00 am. When we arrived in Baghdad we refused to get off the plane. One Iraqi policeman came on and said if we did not come down they would make us go down by force but we said we are being forcibly deported: we will not come down. We stayed where we were but the

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Those of us who had Iraqi ID were released. We had to get across Baghdad to get to the bus station. We felt very afraid: I do not speak Arabic and I had to get from the airport to the bus station. From there I took a taxi up to Kurdistan in the north. Now I can't sleep. I'm not safe here and all my body is painful after the beating.”

Lokman Hama Amin, who was also on the flight, says:

“four security guards grabbed when we landed in Baghdad. They pushed me down to the floor of the plane. They handcuffed me. I was



shouting, asking them to let me go because they were breaking my hand but they carried on beating my shoulder. Now I cannot move my arm: I have put it in a sling.”

When they landed in Baghdad the deportees asked for the United Nations representatives to come onto the plane but they were refused. After this those that refused to get off were handcuffed and beaten.

We are writing to register our formal complaint against the UK Border Agency and the Iraqi Police with the UNHCR.

We request the UNHCR to condemn this inhuman treatment and hold countries to respect the spirit and terms of the Geneva Convention 1951.

We look forward to receiving your reply.

Cc: Amnesty International
Human Rights Watch

Report of 20 November anti racist demonstration organized by Tyneside Community Action Against Racism (TCAR)

TCAR campaigns for asylum seekers' rights and against policies which divide the working class by inciting British people to blame immigrants for cuts in services and lack of access to housing instead of blaming the government which is making the cuts and which attacks all the poor in this country, immigrant and native.

Approximately 150 people gathered close to Newcastle General Hospital to protest at the Government's policy of detaining asylum seekers and refugees. The protestors marched from the hospital in the rain to Newcastle City Centre's Monument. The march was joined by Congolese campaigners from Manchester who sang protest songs in their own language. The demonstrators chanted `together we are stronger` We are with you in Dungaevell, Campsfield, Harmondsworth etc. A few BNP supporters had set up a stall by the monument as a counter protest to the demonstration by the Monument. However there were only five of them and TCAR continued to call speakers to address the protesters despite the continuing rain. Dashty Jamal from the Federation of Iraqi Refugees was invited to speak alongside several anti asylum campaigners. However the heavy rain continued so the demonstrators were invited to hear the rest of the speakers from a local pub.

Unfortunately before TCAR's microphone and other equipment could be packed up English Defence League (EDL) supporters arrived. However the police steered the EDL supporters away from the TCAR demonstration. The demonstrators left the square unmolested, and gathered in a nearby pub to hear speakers from the Harmondsworth support campaign and other groups campaigning against detention

Statement of Solidarity from TCAR for the International Federation of Iraqi Refugees and the Coalition to Stop Deporta- tions to Iraq.

Tyneside Community Action Against Racism (TCAR) sends it's solidarity to today's demonstrations against deportations to Iraq as part of our commitment to oppose all deportations and immigration controls. Deportations to Iraq from Britain are racist! Britain has blood on its hands from the invasion of Bagdad in 1917 to the British air force bombing and gas massacres in the 1920's, from British involvement and warmongering in the 1st Gulf war to the 2003 occupation which continues today. In the recent war 46,000 British troops were deployed to Iraq, they used depleted uranium ammunition which will continue to cause birth defects and radiation related diseases for decades. Today there are still 132,610 mercenaries in Iraq, private armies protecting the big business interests of Britain and rest of the war-mongers. Many of these mercenaries are employed by British companies such as Armor Group. And throughout this bloody history of occupation and war, Britain has plundered oil from Iraq, getting rich off stolen resources. Then when Iraqi refugees flee from Britain's wars and seek asylum which is their right under the UN Geneva Convention, the British Government denies them their rights, locks individuals and families up in prisons for months and even years, then deports them to warzones. This is racism! The racism of the British State which believes it has the right to take and profit from as many resources in as many different countries in the world as possible, regardless of the amount of death and destruction is unleashed on their populations. They want the oil but they don't want the people! This situation is repeating itself in Afghanistan, Congo, Nigeria, Pakistan and countless others. The use of secret charter flights deporting up to 100 refugees at a time, shows that the Home Office have something to hide. They don't want the public to know the full extent of their brutal treatment of refugees and fear the resistance that so many people have already shown. Demonstrations like today are crucial in spreading the message and building resistance. In TCAR we oppose all forms of racism and call on people to join us in a Northern March Against Racism in Newcastle Upon Tyne on Saturday 20th November. Racism is used to divide us, Racism justifies dawn raids, deportations and detention, Racism must be opposed!

London Coalition Against Poverty

Dear President Talabani,



We are writing to request your government refuses to accept anymore forcible deportations from the UK and other European countries.

As you know there was a flight from the UK in July 2010, another two scheduled for September 1st and September 6th and more to come. The people on these flights have made a home for themselves in the UK. They are being forced back because of the UK Government's xenophobic immigration policies that victimise Iraqi refugees. They should be allowed to live freely in the UK.

These deportations have regularly violated the human rights of those deported and have taken place without any regard for morality. Without any human principles or respect even for their own laws they used handcuffs, anaesthetic injections, beatings and racist humiliation. In addition prior to being deported, they have been imprisoned in detention centres for as long as two years. The Kurdistan Regional Government has confirmed it will no longer accept forcible deportations. This decision is receiving praise from progressive groups and freedom loving people here in the UK.

We are therefore writing to request you take a stand and make it clear you will not be party to the unjust and inhumane immigration policies of the European Governments, by legally committing your governments not to accept anymore deportations, by closing your airports to them, and by terminating the agreements with European Governments to accept them.

Regards

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On November 10th Amnesty International called on European governments to halt forcible deportations to Baghdad. It said it was aware of "credible reports of Iraqis being detained on arrival at Baghdad airport ... beaten, deprived of food and threatened by Iraqi security officials whilst in detention after their forcible removal to Iraq". See the full statement at <http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/EUR01/028/2010/en>

Stop agreement with EU countries that plays with the lives of Iraqi refugees

IFIR in the news:

Two asylum seekers deported to Baghdad and allegedly tortured were not Iraqi

Exclusive: Foreign Office letter seen by Guardian admits to confusion over men's nationality and the claims of mistreatment made by them Owen Bowcott, The Guardian, Wednesday 10th November

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2010/nov/10/asylum-seekers-deported-baghdad-torture>

Iranian wrongly deported to Baghdad claims he was tortured

Aland Salimi says Iraqi police beat and starved him after he was deported from Britain following failed asylum application Owen Bowcott, The Guardian, Sunday 21st November <http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2010/nov/21/iranian-deported-baghdad-torture-allegations>

European court demands halt to forcible return of Iraqi asylum seekers

- Human rights court cites 'deteriorating security' in Iraq
- Home Office 'will not enforce' deportations under rule 39

Owen Bowcott, The Guardian, Friday 5th November <http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2010/nov/05/strasbourg-forcible-returns-iraqi-asylum>

Fresh claims of Iraqi deportation 'beatings'

New allegations have been made that deported Iraqi asylum seekers were beaten by UK Border Agency staff to get them off a plane in Baghdad.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-11252008>

European Court of Human Rights flip-flops on Baghdad deportations.

The government's programme of deporting failed asylum seekers to Iraq was thrown into confusion after the European court of human rights ruled on 22nd October that forcible returns to Baghdad should be suspended immediately because of an upsurge in sectarian violence and suicide bombings.

However, the British and Swedish Governments chose to deport people anyway, with deportation charter flights leaving for Baghdad in the days after they received the notification. It was only publicly known after the decision was used to stop a mass deportation flight from the Netherlands to Baghdad.

After the court's decision became public, all Iraqi refugees threatened with deportation applied to the European Court under Rule 39 and their deportations were cancelled.

However, under pressure from the European Governments the European Court changed its decision on 24th November to say that they will accept Rule 39 applications on a case by case basis in future, in spite of submissions from the UNCHR detailing the danger of deporting people back to Iraq, and the International Federation of Iraqi Refugees, which described the beatings and detention faced by its members when they had been deported.

"Anyone who may face detention, arrest or persecution if returned to her/his country of origin because of choices within her/his private life or if an asylum seeker joins a political party and takes part in political activities that would endanger them if returned to their home country must be granted refugee status" -IFIR

"All state or non-state racist and xenophobic propaganda against refugees and asylum seekers must be prohibited."-IFIR

"All refugees have the right to family reunification. The refugee's family has the right to obtain refugee status"-IFIR



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IFIR continues its campaign in Kurdistan and Iraq

IFIR's work has been covered extensively in the Kurdish and Iraqi media with high profile slots on prime time news programmes on the biggest news channels. As part of this a press conference was held, at which five Iraqi Kurdish refugees assaulted while being deported from Europe to Baghdad on 6th September spoke. They said refugees in most EU countries are not allowed to work and are given very minimal support. They are often detained for many months prior to removal but despite this terrible treatment they still do not want to return to Iraq because the European countries have become their homes.

Overall, IFIR's work has been welcomed by people throughout Kurdistan and Iraq, who have said they support the IFIR campaign. The Kurdish and Iraqi media have also welcomed the IFIR campaign. A number of refugee, human rights organizations, political parties, journalists, MPs have come forward to support our campaign. We have delivered our message and the next step of our campaign will be to put more pressure on the Iraqi authority to do its duty and not accept the returned Kurdish & Iraqi refugees.

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Iraqi refugees assaulted on mass deportation flight to Baghdad

We had to get across Baghdad to get to the bus station. We felt very afraid: I do not speak Arabic and I had to get from the airport to the bus station. From there I took a taxi up to Kurdistan in the north. Now I can't sleep. I'm not safe here and all my body is painful after the beating." Lokman Hama Amin, who was also on the flight, says: "four security guards grabbed when we landed in Baghdad. They pushed me down to the floor of the plane. They handcuffed me. I was shouting, asking them to let me go because they were breaking my hand but they carried on beating my shoulder. Now I cannot move my arm: I have put it in a sling." The International Federation of Iraqi Refugees believes many people on the flight are still being held in detention in Baghdad Airport due to problems with their identification. Dashty Jamal, secretary of the International Federation of Iraqi Refugees says: "those security guards responsible for physically assaulting the deportees must be brought to justice. We are asking for all the human rights and progressive people in the UK to stop this barbarism and demand an end to this inhuman forcible deportation policy." The flight comes as the Home Office has confirmed that the Kurdistan Regional Government is refusing to accept forcible deportation flights into the north of the country, under pressure from a campaign by the International Federation of Iraqi Refugees.

Contact for photos and interviews with deportees:
07856032991, 07824996724

<<<from page 1 **Capitalism is the source of all kinds**

Afghanistan the lives of the people in the whole world faced a human tragedy. When Sonamis come, volcanoes erupt or hunger spreads in a country all the mankind will face great damage. When Israel separates people by putting up a wall between them, all mankind will face blind religious and national hatred. When the society is divided between man and woman, half of the society becomes enslaved and oppressed. For this reason the mankind gets involved in war and fighting.

But once again what is the root of this racism and discrimination? Discrimination and racism are not the culture, politics or the ideology of the people, but the belief, politics and culture of a group in power. As Karl Marx says: prevailing belief and culture in a society is the belief of the ruling class. Therefore, the governing class in the society is the party which infects human beings with the virus of racism. Otherwise human beings are friendly and against inequality. The capitalist system, based on class distinctions, is a racist and apartheid system. Separation of people to capitalist and workers, rich and poor is the root of all discriminations. The capitalist class, in order to make a profitable market and accumulate capital needs to disperse and separate us through a false religious, nationalist and racist identity. It needs to engage us in a fight with each other so we do not find out the source of the class persecution that attacks our lives. And to keep the class differences, the authorities use the media, press, ideology, art, and racist culture to fool people. They spend billions of dollars to keep this bitter reality in the society.

The capitalism and class society is a racist and discriminatory system. This reality can be covered by neither liberal, democratic regimes nor dictator regimes. Multiculturalism in the heart of Europe has allowed cultures of discrimination to continue. In the same European democratic system human beings are discriminated on the basis of being refugees and being disintegrated and cut off from their lives and rights.

But if capitalism and class society are the source of all kind of racism, what should we do to clean up the human society of the virus of racism and the human beings to regain the human identity? The response is very easy: abolish class differences in order to cancel all kinds of persecution, oppression and discrimination. This is the task of the working class and all the people who get benefit from a free, equal and human society. The anti racist movement is part of working class message to build a human society. Let's make today's protest the beginning of a unified struggle to stand fast around the working class and the aim of freedom, equality and a workers' state. Thank you.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=66ytpoM5VZ0>

To Human rights Campaigners, Trade Unions and Refugee Organisations
International Federation of Iraqi Refugees-IFIR needs your help and support in order to continue our activities and campaigns to stop forced deportation to Iraq we are appealing for your help.
Please write cheques to: Coalition to stop Deportations to Iraq
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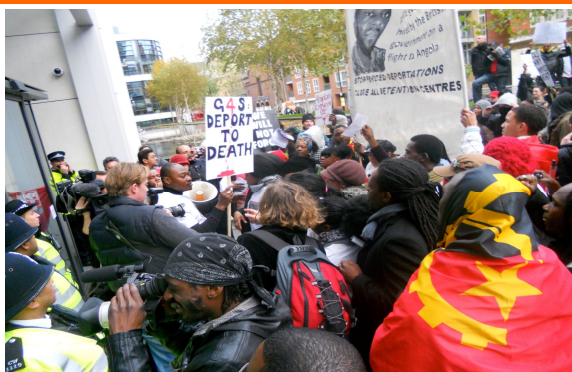
IFIR attends rally for Jimmy Mubenga

150 protestors comprising of Angolan, Congolese, Iraqis, a group of British, an Australian, and various others gathered at the Angolan Embassy on 12 November to protest the death of Jimmy Mubenga, who died whilst being forcibly deported back to Angola on board a British Airways flight. Jimmy's family were amongst the protestors and called for a peaceful protest at his untimely death. The Angolan Embassy was chosen because of their silence since Jimmy's untimely death a month ago.

Despite the embassy's closure a man from inside the embassy asked a handful of Angolan protestors into the embassy for a chat. The protestors gave a letter to the man addressed to the ambassador expressing their anger at the embassy's silence flowing Jimmy's death but did not enter into discussion with him.

Once the letter had been handed into the embassy the protestors made their way to the Home Office Head quarters at 2 Marsham St. It turned out to be a longer route than was planned following several diversions by the police for the most spurious reasons (one of the reasons given was that they were changing guards at Buckingham Palace). The demonstrators were in fine spirits and despite the long walk banners were waved and the following slogans were shouted 'No Borders! No Nations! Stop Deportations!' and 'What do we want? JUSTICE! Why do we want it? JIMMY MUBENGA!'

There were some excellent speeches at the Home Office including (among others), Jeremy Corbyn MP, Deborah Coles from Inquest, Emma Ginn from Medical Justice, the inspiring Adal-



berto Rosário de Miranda from the Union of Angolans UK, Ciaran O'Reilly who spoke about being deported from the United States, Ayo Omotade who told a horrific but eventually triumphant tale of his own experience on a BA flight, Dashty Jamal who spoke about the horrors of Iraqi forced deportations.

Dashty stated that Jimmy is another victim of the forcible deportation policy. It is a shame that the UK a democratic country that is supposed to respect human rights, does not grant refugees' fleeing from war torn countries asylum. We consider that human rights are universal and can not be limited by factors of geographic territory, gender, culture, religion or race.

G4S and UKBA are responsible for the death of Jimmy Mubenga and must be brought to justice. Over the last five years the same G4S employees have assaulted and beaten many Iraqi refugees. Our movement must stand against the barbarism of the policy of forcible deportation and detention. . Saidy also gave a brilliant impromptu speech, pointing out the hypocrisies of international politics, international borders and international business, with particular reference to the oil interests that Britain enjoys in Angola, Guy Taylor (who blogged here on the demonstration with some great photos). Several Angolans, including José Gomes, Oswaldo Muniz and many more gave fantastic speeches..

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