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Dear Sir,

Abbas Ali Babakir, HO Ref: S1113909/2, a national of Iraq and resident of Hounslow is due to be forcibly removed from the UK today 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 today 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.

In the light of the Home Office's statement that "Airline captains have the right to refuse carriage of a passenger and will do so if they feel appropriate for security or commercial reasons", I urge Royal Jordanian not to carry out this forced removal.

Yours sincerely,

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