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This document provides information and details of organisations which may be useful if you are facing removal or deportation to Iraq .

While every care is taken to ensure that the information is correct this does not constitute a guarantee that the organisations will provide the services listed.



Your Embassy in the UK

Embassy of the Republic of Iraq

Consular Section

3 Elvaston Place, London SW7 5QH

Tel: 020 7590 9220 **Fax:** 020 7590 9226

Email: lonemb@mofaml.gov.iq

www.mofamission.gov.iq



Travel documents

Return to Baghdad (central Iraq) is possible if you hold a valid or expired passport. Return to other areas of Iraq or return if you do not have a valid passport is complex and fast-changing. Anyone wishing to explore the possibility of return to Iraq should contact the Home Office country specialist in this area.

Return

If you are willing to return and want to ensure that you are returned to Iraq as soon as possible you can:

- Contact your caseworker at the Home Office to say that you are willing to return;
- Make every effort to find supporting documentation for issuing of travel documents;
- Make contact with the Iraqi Consulate to begin the process of obtaining a travel document.



You may find it useful to read the information below to begin preparing for your return.

Documentation in Iraq

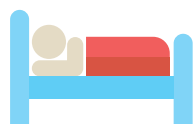
All citizens of Iraq are required to have a National ID Card. You may be required to show your ID card when buying property, enrolling at school and when signing a contract of employment. The General Directorate of Nationality within the Ministry of the Interior is responsible for administering the identity card system.

For more information contact:

Ministry of the Interior, General Directorate for Nationality

Email: iq.relations@yahoo.com

www.iraqinationality.gov.iq



Accommodation

There is no social housing in Iraq. An individual returning to Iraq will need to have money in order to rent accommodation or rely on relatives or friends.





Health

In recent years a number of new hospitals and primary health centres have been created, many in partnership with international aid organisations. Since 2003, a further 250 primary healthcare centres have been built.

The health care system in Iraq is split between the public and private sector. The Ministry of Health has responsibility for public sector healthcare. There is no public health insurance scheme available in Iraq although some employers may offer private health insurance schemes.

Access to healthcare is often limited in rural areas. The distribution of healthcare centres often varies between governorates. For example, Baghdad has approximately 171 centres yet more than 6 million inhabitants whereas Al Sulaymaniyah in the north of the country has approximately 387 centres but less than 1 million inhabitants.



Emergency support

There is no state social security system for the unemployed, sick or elderly in Iraq. Any emergency support comes from faith and charitable organisations.



Employment, education and training

The education system in Iraq is divided into three levels; primary education, which lasts for six years, intermediate education, which lasts for 3 years and then, potentially, secondary education which may be either general education (which is split between scientific or literary programmes), or vocational education specialising in agricultural, industrial or commercial programmes. Those who wish to progress to university must take a general education course and pass the baccalaureate examination at the end of the course.

If you studied in the UK, you may have certificates proving you have skills and qualifications which may help you to get a job. However, employers in Iraq may not necessarily recognise UK qualifications. If this is the case, the Ministry of Education is responsible for validating diplomas and degrees from overseas institutions in Baghdad and in the southern region of Iraq. In the governorates of Sulaymaniyah, Erbil and Dahuk special committees within the General Directorate of Education are responsible for validating overseas education certificates.

There are a number of employment opportunities in Iraq both within the public and the private sector. Some of the private sector jobs which are often available include engineering, IT, translation and security guard jobs.

Many jobs are advertised online on websites including those listed below:

www.bayt.com/en/iraq

The European Technology and Training Centre (ETTC) offers returnees to Iraq reintegration support through its "Reintegration Programme in Iraq - (RPI)". Since 2005 ETTC has supported more than 6000 returnees from different European Countries. Returnees from selected European countries are supported at the ETTC facilities in Erbil, Dohuk and Sulaymaniyah in the process of their professional and social reintegration through training offers and help with job placements. The aim of the programme is to improve the returnees' employability and for them to find a job matching their professional profile and working experience. Returnees are offered the chance to gain new skills and knowledge to improve their chances on the job market. For contact details, see below

For further information see: **www.ettc-iraq.net**

Directory

Caritas Iraq

Hai al-Wahde, St. -52, Mahala 904,
Zuqaq 74 House 3, Baghdad, Iraq
Tel: +873 76 23 16 320 **Fax:** +964 1 71 96 964
Email: caritas.iraq@gmail.com

www.caritas.org/where-we-are/middle-east-north-africa/iraq/

Caritas is a Catholic agency and provides a range of support for vulnerable people including food, medical services and social services.



European Technology and Training Centre, ETTC

ETTC Compound, Nawroz Street,
Next to Municipality No. 6 Erbil, Iraq

Tel: +964 7504235767 **Program Executive:** +964 7504572485

Email: drei@ettc-iraq.net

Branch offices:

Dohuk **Tel:** +964 750 482 22 81 **Email:** dohuk@ettc-iraq.net

Suleimania **Tel:** +964 750 104 58 39 **Email:** sulem@ettc-iraq.net

www.ettc-iraq.net

Employment reintegration support for returnees.

International Organisation for Migration (IOM)

Baghdad International Zone UNAMI (Diwan)

Tel: +3908 3105 2600 **Ext:** 5928 & 5757

Email: iomiraq@iom.int

Amman Support Office, Abdoun Al Janoubi, Tayseer Na'ana St., Amman, Jordan

Tel: +962 6 5659660

Provides reintegration and resettlement support and assistance to those returning voluntarily to Iraq.

Harikar Non-Governmental Organisation

Nohadra Quarter, Close to Korek Co., Jeen Street 32/4, Dohuk AB 1005, Jihan Building. Appt. #6, Dohuk, Iraq

Tel: +964 62 76 19 837

Email: harikar-harikar@yahoo.com

www.harikar.org/new

Provides services including social services, sexual and gender based violence awareness, health awareness and legal aid to refugees, IDPs, asylum seekers, returnees, stateless persons and vulnerable persons.

Iraqi Red Crescent Society

Al-Mansour, Baghdad

Postal Address: P.O. Box 6143

Tel: +964 7706740050 / +964 770462 1141 / +964 770484 9783

Email: info@ircs.org.iq / lrscs_int_dep@yahoo.com

www.en.ircs.org.iq/

Iraqi Red Crescent Society runs several specialist hospitals for the assistance of vulnerable people.

Small Business Development Centre (SBDC)

Tel: +964 7501950183

Email: info@weoiraq.org / weoiraq1@yahoo.com

www.weoiraq.org/SBDC.html

Offers free business and vocational skills courses to those aged between the ages of 18 and 25.

UK Magnet for Iraqi Returnees

(For non-detained cases only)

Email: info@magnet.iomiraq.net

www.magnet.iomiraq.net

A programme which provides job placement assistance for voluntary returnees from the UK returning to Erbil, Dahuk or Sulaymaniyah. Returnees are assisted with finding employment within the private sector and where necessary training is provided.



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Hibiscus Initiatives

Hibiscus Initiatives works with men and women in the UK who are in prison, immigration detention, requiring support in the community after leaving prison or detention to those who have been victims of trafficking. Their work includes welfare and advocacy in prisons, international resettlement, combating trafficking and volunteering and community resettlement. If you would like to know more about Hibiscus Initiatives you can contact them on the details below:

Resource for London, 356 Holloway Road London N7 6PA

Tel: + 44 (0) 20 7697 4120 **Fax:** + 44 (0) 20 7697 4272

Email: info@hibiscusinitiatives.org.uk

www.hibiscusinitiatives.org.uk

Praxis Community Projects

Praxis Community Projects works with vulnerable migrants including foreign national offenders providing advice, advocacy and casework on immigration, housing, welfare benefits.

Praxis Community Projects

Pott Street, London E2 0EF

Tel: +44 (0)20 7729 7985 **Fax:** +44 (0)20 7729 0134

Email: advice@praxis.org.uk

www.praxis.org.uk
