

# The supporters to Refugees in Denmark

## Open letter to the High Representatives; UNMIK and UNHCR

*Sent 14th november 2006*

At October I visited Kosovo and a lot of the refugees (Gorani and Ashkalies) returned by force from Denmark during this summer.

[I enclose my report referring from my visits to the deported refugees.](#)

To me it is not less than a scandal that UNMIK and the UNHCR allowed those deportations. The situation to the deported refugees is just awful. They are suffering from hunger, coldness, the lack of warm clothes and housing, and the lack of possibilities for health care. Especially the children and the sick are suffering. Most of the deported are seriously ill, among them more of the Children.

I further visited the Roma Mahalla in many cities and villages all over Kosovo, places where the rejected Romani refugees in Denmark, former belonged. There houses are burned down and ruins. My report on those visits is under translation and will be sent to UNMIK inside a week.

I made video film and interviews with the deported families, the children and their parents.

Further I interviewed more representatives for the Romani societies in Kosovo, all of them explaining about the unsecured situation for the Romani and how, and warning Romani against their return.

The videos are under preparation, more of the interviews need to be translated, and will be sent in a copy to UNMIK as soon as it is finished.

Finally I want to add; that until this summer, I have always believed in the faithfulness of the UNHCR to persecuted people, and the UNHCR attempt to protect refugees. During this summer UNMIK and the UNHCR changed its policy and allowed the European countries to force refugees back to Kosovo. On the background on this and due to my visit in Kosovo at October, I have realised; there is something rotten and definitely not only in Denmark. After I have seen what is and was going on to the refugees in Denmark, - after I have experienced the situation to the deported refugees in Kosovo by my own, I have to conclude, that UNHCR is no longer the protector to refugees. Other wise UNHCR would never have allowed. I finally want to add, that my aim is in no way an attempt to insult any body. I just had to express my sadness about the changed UNHCR and the consequences of that to people who had to escape a war or persecution or both, and lost every thing. Maybe I still have a hope, that it was all a mistake, and that somebody inside UNHCR will consider to give the deported refugees and refugees supposed to be deported, back their human rights for protection.

Yours sincerely

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## **The main background for the refugees deported to Kosovo and the quality of protection to refugees year 2006**

The deported refugees are both Albanians and ethnic minorities from Kosovo, most of them families with minor children. Most of the deported refugees arrived to Denmark 5-6-7 years ago. Even those people escaped a war and ethnic persecution, Denmark rejected them asylum and settled them in big deportation camps on the country side fare away from public, and under very bad conditions. Here have those people been forced to live during all the years.

Before their arrival to Denmark, most of the refugees where suffering from war traumas and traumas from persecution. Their living conditions in Denmark made nearly all of them chronicle mentally ill. The children got mental problems.

Denmark has together with Germany been the countries making the biggest pressure on UNMIK and the UNHCR to make them allow a forced return of the refugees. During this spring, Denmark and Germany, some how succeed. UNMIK and UNHCR declared itself satisfied, if only the serious ill were delivered back with medicals for three months. Instead of security the refugees have got a plastic bag full of strong medicals for psychosis, medicals for depressions, medicals to fall a sleep, medicals for epilepsy, medicals for pain etc.

The quality of protection to refugees year 2006.