



Testimony of Arbitrary Arrest

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displaced person living in Calais.**

I am Chadian. I have been given permission to say what I want to say regarding the situation here, people like us.

I am an asylum seeker because there is a situation that made me leave my home. We arrived here in France, but we were not allowed to live here in France, so everything is complicated; you sleep in the street. We lack a lot of things but we have no choice.

They informed us that we have to leave the territory, otherwise we are sent home. If we hadn't had a problem, we wouldn't be here. If we came here - we asked the government for help - it's because we really need help. That's why we're here. If you want to send us home, that is to say, you who want to kill us. It's not our government, not our family, because we ran away from death.

We came here... We thought if we came here we'd be safe, but it's actually quite the opposite. So if there is something that you can help us with - all we ask for is help. We live as human beings too: we need freedom and to live as everyone else.

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We are not criminals. We're not here to hurt anyone, we are just here for our own security and for the future of those who will come after us, either our children or our loved ones. So we live, we take care of our loved ones, we are not criminals.

As I say, we are human anyway.
So this is my own opinion, I am Chadian.

We are in pain but we can't do anything. If you can help us, please help us.