

Damien Green MP
Minister for Immigration
3rd Floor
Peel Building
2 Marsham Street
London
SW1P 4DF

Dear Mr Green,

Taha Ghasemi, Home Office Ref. No. G1147909

Mr. Taha Ghasemi is a supporter of the Kurdish Democratic Party (Iran) who arrived in the United Kingdom in September 2006, following his imprisonment and torture at the hands of the Iranian police and security forces. Arrested by the Iranian military in March 2006 he was handcuffed, beaten and kicked before being blindfolded and driven to a prison where he was starved (given only water) and subject to torture including electrocution every day for ten days and kept in a dark cell. He subsequently served a three-month prison sentence.

After his release from prison, the security forces became aware that Taha was still working for the Kurdish Democratic Party (Iran) and issued a further warrant for his arrest. He was faced with no alternative but to flee Iran finally arriving in the UK in September 2006.

The U.S. Department of State's 2010 Human Rights Report says that in Iran, "Security forces under the government's control committed acts of politically motivated violence and repression, including torture, beatings, and rape."

Taha Ghasemi is a 'failed asylum seeker' and has been destitute in the UK since January 2010. He lives in fear of deportation. Documents in support of his claim for asylum include:

1. A letter of attestation of the KDP (I) from their UK committee.
2. An arrest order, which says he has been convicted and sentenced to 10 years imprisonment.

I am therefore asking that Taha Ghasemi be given leave to remain in the UK on compassionate grounds.

Yours sincerely,

Name

Address

.....

Postcode

Date