

# Asylum for Taha Ghasemi

To: Damien Green MP, Minister for Immigration

We, the undersigned, petition you to grant Taha Ghasemi [HO Ref G1147909] Indefinite Leave to Remain in the UK on compassionate grounds.

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. Following this, he served a three-month prison sentence.

Following 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. Taha was faced with no alternative but to flee Iran, arriving in the UK in September 2006.

Taha 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.

## We ask that you allow him to stay

Name	Address	Signature

Please return to: Rev. Bob Pounder, Oldham Unitarian Chapel, Connaught Street / King Street, Oldham OL8 1EB