



NON-REFOULEMENT UNDER THREAT

**JOINT REDRESS/ILPA SEMINAR
MATRIX CHAMBERS TUESDAY 16 MAY 2006, AFTERNOON**

*****Only 25 places remain at the time of going to print – please contact Nell Desmond-Greif, Nell@redress.org, or on 020 7793 1777 as soon as possible to obtain a booking form if you wish to attend*****

Further to the notice in the last mailing we are pleased to provide more details of the seminar, held jointly by the London-based international human rights organisation the Redress Trust (REDRESS), who work with torture survivors, and ILPA. We are very grateful for the support of Matrix Chambers who are hosting the event and to the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust for their support. We are delighted to have been able to secure a very impressive range of speakers, as described below, who will be joined on the day by other experts.

Raza Husain of Matrix Chambers and Professor Guy Goodwin Gill of All Souls College Oxford and Blackstone chambers speak in the opening session, which will be chaired by Nicholas Blake QC, situating threats to *non-refoulement* in national security cases in the broader context of attacks on the principle.

Mark Henderson of Doughty Street Chambers and Sonal Ghelani of the Refugee Legal Centre will speak in the second session which will cover the case of AA and LK on returns to Zimbabwe, returns to Iraq and cases where people removed have been brought back to the UK.

Nuala Mole of the Aire Centre will chair a third session, where Gabriela Echeverria of Redress and Rick Scannell of Garden Court Chambers focus on non-refoulement in national security cases, looking at diplomatic assurances and memoranda of understanding, at cases before SIAC, and at the UK government's intervention in the European Court of Human Rights.

The final session, chaired by Nicola Rogers of Garden Court Chambers, will involve a panel made up of speakers from previous sessions as well as Tony Bunyan of Statewatch will look at current and prospective challenges to the principle of *non-refoulement*, and responses through litigation, advocacy and campaigning.

These sessions will allow us to situate an examination of current threats to the principle of *non-refoulement* in national security cases within the wider context of cases where attempts are made to remove despite identified risks of breach of the principle of *non-refoulement*, focusing on situations where a risk of the breach of the principle of non-refoulement is identified but nonetheless removal is imminent. Discussions will focus on the UK and cover *non-refoulement* under both the 1951 Refugee Convention and human rights law and Practical and procedural questions arising out of representing in, and litigating, these cases, will be addressed.

Practitioners, academics and NGOs will all find this seminar of particular interest.

The seminar will run from 1.30pm to 6pm, with a short reception afterwards. Places are limited: please contact Nell Desmond-Greif, Nell@redress.org, or on 020 7793 1777 to obtain a booking form if you are interested in attending. Booking forms must be received before your place can be confirmed.

| Session | Speakers |
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| 1. (1.30 – 2.45pm) Welcome; <i>Non-Refoulement</i> : overview of history and current scope of principle, and exceptions to it as per legislation/caselaw; discussion | Raza Husain of Matrix Chambers and Professor Guy Goodwin Gill of All Souls College Oxford and Matrix Chambers. Chaired by Nicholas Blake QC of Matrix chambers to chair |
| 2. (2.45 – 3.45pm) <i>Non-Refoulement</i> under threat: cases other than national security; discussion | Mark Henderson of Doughty Street on AA and LK and cases where the Home Office has had to bring back people it has removed/deported; Sonal Ghelani of the Refugee Legal Centre on Iraq deportation cases. Session chair to be confirmed. |
| (3.45 – 4.15pm) Coffee break | |
| 3.(4.15 – 5.15pm). <i>Non-Refoulement</i> and national security/terrorism; discussion | Gabriela Echeverria of Redress on interventions in the European Court of Human Rights; Rick Scannell of Garden Court Chambers, a former Special Advocate, on SIAC; chaired by Nuala Mole of the AIRE Centre. |
| 4. (5.15 – 6.00pm). Current and predicted threats to <i>Non-Refoulement</i> , defending and publicising the principle: legal challenge; advocacy/campaigning;; discussion and close. | Speakers from previous panels, joined by Tony Bunyan of Statewatch. This final session to allow for further questions from the floor and exchanges between panellists and participants. Further panellists to be confirmed. Chaired by Nicola Rogers of Garden Court Chambers |
| Reception 6.00 – 7.00pm | |