

In Calais Hunted down Afghans still fear deportation

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What Kabul Charter ...where's that ? "No departure is planned ». Gérard Gavory , the sub-prefect of Calais assures us . "In spite of appearances no plane full of Afghans will take off in the coming days". Anyway 47 Afghans have been declared legally deportable back to their county by the judges of the tribunal situated at the detention centre at Coquelles, near Calais . On Friday the Afghan consul was invited to meet the Afghans an to give them their papers in preparation for their deportation . The same day the Police searched different woods with their helicopter and spotlight " To fight against crime and to reestablish order" assures the sub prefect . th associations speak of raids; I refuse that term . These last days their has been a n increase in violence between the migrants , but also towards truck drives and against Policemen. He said that two or three people smugglers were arrested that evening and that they will be pursued.

The associations fear a Franco-British charter with the Afghans arrested in Calais and the Afgans arrested in Britain . The British proposed it to us but we haven't responded yet assures Gérard Gavory. No charter then . However thats what was feared yesterday a the Cimade , Salam and Héléne Flautre European MEP (green party)

Minors . "Why have the representatives of the state backed down ?". Héléne Flautre is surprised and delighted by the news. Put forward the hypotheses . The Afghan ambassador signaled to me that a large proportion of the people that the consul met were not recognized to be Afghans The European deputy who had written an email to Minister of Immigration and National Identity Brice Hortefeux also thought the deportation was contestable on may points. Firstly there are adolescents in the detention centre. Three declared themselves to be minors, its true that they look young but we are not able to confirm it .Said a spokesman for the Cimade in the centre . Then certain regions of Afghanistan have been declare unsafe by the UNHCR and some Afghans at the detention centre could come from there. Another point even more contestable on the part of the authorities according to the European deputy . they have made place in the centre to gather together Afghans and it appears that the arrests are targeted. Collective expulsions are against the European Convention on human rights

She evoked the case of an Afghan deported from Australia decapitated on his return. Inside the centre Said 19 years is still worried. "they mustn't send us back to Kabul. Its dangerous . The Taliban kidnap people foreigners and Afghans. My own father who worked for the government was disappeared . The Police told me there is nothing that can be done and the best thing for me to do is to buy myself a gun. Last week my mother told me that twenty Afghans deported from Australia had been killed by the Taliban"

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He tells us that the young Afghans detained at his side in the detention centre are between 16 and 20 years old . Their families have already borrowed between 10,000 and 20,000 dollars . to pay for their trip to Europe . My voyage has cost me 10,000 dollars what will I to pay if I go back . he confides he has three younger brothers who stayed at home . His trip had lasted two and a half months . He arrived in Calais ten days ago and tried once to get to England with the'help' of one of the people smugglers . these days to slide unedr a lorry cost 400 euros for those who attempt the trip alone there is the threat of a knife wound from one of the smugglers who watch over the car park. The young Afghan breathes into the telephone .They stab and sometimes they kill.

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