

In the best interest of the child?

That was that childhood



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2009: 19 years old and Ziko is locked up in the prison of Sandholm, waiting to be expelled to Iraq. Ziko spend the other half of growing up without the right of children in Danish refugee centers. Ziko is now a grown man and without the rights of an adult.

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1999: Sevan, 10 years old and Ziko's sister, arrived to Denmark together with her mother and siblings.

2006: 17 years old and Sevan writes to the Danish Immigration Service, asking for permission to present her case orally. The Immigration Service rejected her wish.



2009: Sevan is 19 years old and lives in hiding to avoid imprisonment and forced expulsion.

The grown up children are refused the right to be heard and to have their application for asylum, or other kind of stay, treated independently

When the children have reached the age of majority, according to Danish legislation, they can be forcibly expelled without their parents. A request for asylum and permission to stay because of humanitarian reasons are rejected and the explanation given is that there has been an assessment of them together with their parents. Although the best interest of the child was never included when the decision was made to expel the parents.