

Please do not allow the UK Home Office to forcibly remove political activist Kouame from the UK to the Ivory Coast where his life is in danger.

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Re: Mr Kouame K

Your airline, Royal Air Maroc, will at 17:10 GMT on Friday the 3rd of February, be flying our dear friend Kouame to the Ivory Coast, putting his life in danger. Is this what your passengers want?

Kouame fled Ivory Coast in 2014 because of threats to his life as a political activist there and has been failed (rejected) by the asylum system on his initial claim and subsequent appeal. Kouame was recently detained and has been given removal directions for 17:10 GMT on Friday the 3rd of February from Heathrow (Royal Air Maroc, flight numbers AT801 to Casablanca and AT533 to Abidjan).

RAPAR, a human rights group based in Manchester, of which Kouame is a member, is most concerned about Kouame's depression and suicidal thoughts. By being threatened with forced removal, he is now faced with the memory of the violence and threats he experienced in Ivory Coast. Since being in detention, his mental health has deteriorated, and the prospect of returning to a country where his life is in danger, has made him very distressed and depressed. I would urge you to consider that there is also a serious query over his fitness to fly, due to these mental health difficulties. In addition to these concerns, Kouame does not have the travel documents required for the Ivory Coast. He should therefore not be forcibly removed from the UK.

A page on RAPAR's site tells Kouame's story, and we implore you to read it: [Keep Kouame safe in the UK](#).

Kouame continues to seek refuge in the UK despite having already been failed (rejected) by the asylum system, made destitute and 'street homeless', and now detained. Kouame is cherished by many people in Greater Manchester as the letters and messages of support we have received have shown. Kouame belongs here; please do not fly him to the Ivory Coast.

Do not allow the Home Office to use your airline to forcibly remove someone who would be at great risk if returned to his country of origin. This is inhuman.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,