



HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

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THE UK'S FAILURE TO REDUCE STATELESSNESS

Current issues of concern:

- The UK is party to international treaties that prohibit its conduct, including the **1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness**.
- Section 40 of the British Nationality Act 1981, gives the Home Secretary the power to deprive someone of their nationality if it is deemed **'conducive to the public good.'**
- **People of colour are 8x more vulnerable to being deprived of their British nationality** than people categorised as white.

212 nationality deprivations
between 2006 and 2020

1 of 5 European countries
that allow for deprivation even if it results in
statelessness

RECOMMENDATIONS TO REDUCE STATELESSNESS

1. **Respect** and **protect** everyone's right to nationality.
2. **Reform** nationality deprivation laws to avoid potential discrimination.

THE UK'S USE OF CITIZENSHIP DEPRIVATION TO EVADE HUMAN RIGHTS RESPONSIBILITIES

Current issues of concern:

- **Nationality deprivation** strips affected persons of vital human rights protections.
- Deprivation decisions can have a **devastating impact on an affected person's children**, who may also be left stateless.
- **Some women and children confined in camps** in Syria have been deprived of their British nationality.

Deprivation decisions can impact access to health care, education, and employment opportunities.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO STOP THE USE OF NATIONALITY DEPRIVATION TO EVADE HUMAN RIGHTS RESPONSIBILITIES

1. **Refrain** from deprivation decisions that would subject affected persons, including any children, to human rights violations.

THE RETROGRESSION OF HUMAN RIGHTS PROTECTIONS IN NORTHERN IRELAND

Current issues of concern:

- The UK government is seeking to **create an amnesty for violations** committed during the conflict.
- The UK government's proposals would **limit access to justice and remedies for rights violations**.

Investigations into human rights abuses committed during the conflict in Northern Ireland have been limited by a lack of State co-operation.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO REMOVE LIMITATIONS ON ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS OF HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES COMMITTED DURING THE CONFLICT IN NORTHERN IRELAND

1. **Avoid** creating an amnesty for human rights violations.
2. **Facilitate** access to justice, such as implementing inclusive and effective transitional justice mechanisms.

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