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UNHCR: Briefing vedr. Irakisk dekret om frit lejde til tilbagevendende irakiske flygtninge.

1. UNCHR indkaldte i dag, fredag d. 13. august, til en generel orientering vedr. det vedlagte dekret nr. 110 (Af den 28. juni 1999) fra Iraks "Revolutionary Council", omhandlende frit lejde til tilbagevendende irakiske flygtninge.

2. Man ønskede fra UNHCR's side at understrege to forhold. For det første, at der er tale om et meget uklart dekret, som på flere områder er åbent for fortolkninger. For det andet, at der ikke p.t. er indgået nogen aftaler mellem Irak og UNHCR omkring forholdene for de tilbagevendende.

3. På den baggrund anbefalede UNHCR, at de enkelte lande, herunder Danmark, forholder sig afventende, og således ikke i første omgang iværksætter policyændringer, på baggrund af det omtalte dekret.

4. Der vedlægges tillige avisudklip omdelt på mødet.

P.M.V. / Jakob Olesen / Eva Grambye

(25) 1991
Iraq
Revolutionary Council
Decree 110
Date: 28/06/99

Based on paragraph (A) of section 42 of the Constitution, the revolutionary council has decided the following:

All the legal procedure regarding the following shall be stopped completely:

1. Those Iraqis who left Iraq illegally,
2. Those Iraqis who left Iraq on official mission but did not return after completion of the mission. This includes those who managed to do so through illegal departures, forgery (of official documents used for this purpose),
3. All the Iraqis who fall under the above-mentioned categories and who had been sentenced, are now exempted, they shall be free, released unless they had been sentenced in connection with other crimes (in addition to the above),

This decree is effective from the date of issue i.e. (28/06/99)



22.6.1999 **Saddam Offers Amnesty to Reverse Brain Drain**

BAGHDAD (AFP) - President Saddam Hussein decided yesterday to pardon university teachers who fled Iraq illegally and to allow them to return without fear of prosecution, the official news agency INA said.

The move came a day after a government recommendation for cases to be dropped against Iraqis who left the sanctions-hit country without authorization or with fake documents.

An amnesty law is being drawn up, official newspapers said, without giving a figure for the brain drain.

Higher Education Minister

Abdel Jahhar Tawfiq, quoted by INA, said his ministry would give returning teachers their old jobs and restore their full privileges. —

