

Reasons For Becoming A Refugee

Countries	Main Languages	Reasons for Leaving
Afghanistan	Pashto, Farsi (Persian), Dari	Taliban regime involved in extensive human rights violations. Persecutions following "September 11 th " (2001) led to a vast movement of people across the borders. People at risk of famine.
Albania	Albanian Gheg Albanian Tosk	Political persecution and breakdown of law and order after 1997.
Algeria	Arabic, French	Following 1991, when the Government cancelled elections, there has been an atmosphere of oppression and tension with widespread massacres.
Angola	Portuguese, Mbundu (+others)	Civil war since 1975. Angola on the brink of famine.
Bangladesh	Bengali, Sylheti	Civil unrest.
China	Cantonese, Mandarin	The Government has placed severe restrictions on freedom of speech and person expression. Human rights violations are reported to be widespread.
Congo	Bantu languages e.g. Kikongo French	Human rights violations and civil war.
Eastern Europe Czech Republic Poland Romania	Czech, Polish and Romani	Subject to racism, discrimination and violence.
Eritrea	Tigrinya, Arabic, Tigre	War with Ethiopia
Former USSR Latvia, Estonia, Lithuania	Russian, Lithuanian, Estonian, Latvian, Ukranian	Discrimination against ethnic Russians. Anyone involved in exposing/fighting crime and corruption can be persecuted.
Iran	Farsi, Azeri and Kurdish (Kurmandji, Sorani, Bahdini)	From 1975, intolerance/persecution of ethnic minorities and certain religious groups as a result of Khomeni policies.
Iraq	Arabic, Kurdish (Kurmandji, Sorani, Bahdini)	Mainly Kurdish people, from 1980 onwards, who have been subjected to extreme human rights violations.
Ivory Coast	French, Dioula	Internal conflict between government and rebel forces.
Kosova	Albanian Gheg	Background of Serv repression, Nato bombing 1999.
Macedonia	Albanian Gheg	Repression of Albanian minorities and increased tensions in Balkans following NATO in Kosova.
Nigeria	Hausa, Yoruba and English	Christian minority and Hausa Muslims at risk – N. Nigeria and Niger Delta. Growing tensions.
Pakistan	Urdu	Christians are oppressed
Palestine	Arabic, Hebrew	Conflict between Palestine and Israel.
Rwanda	Rwandan	Decades of ethnic conflict.
Somalia	Somali, Arabic	Since mid 1980's civil war. S. Somalia has no government.
Sri Lanka	Tamil, Sinhala	Repression of Tamil minority.
Sudan	Arabic (and many others)	Ongoing civil war.
Syria	Kurdish (Kurmandji, Sorani, Bahdini)	Mainly Kurds who are not given equal rights.
Togo	French, Ewe, Mina Kabye/Kablye and Dagomba	Internal conflict.
Turkey	Turkish Kurdish (Kurmandji, Sorani, Bahdini)	Mainly Kurds who are not given equal rights.
Zimbabwe	Shona, Ndebele and English	Economy in ruins and security situation worsening.