



Dangers of irregular travel abroad

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**Be aware of migrant smuggling
and human trafficking**

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Travelling without a visa or work permit or other legal documents, crossing the borders in an irregular way will only harm you. **If you do not have all the legal documents you need for travelling abroad, you are putting yourself under big risk.** If you cross borders without having a visa for the country you are entering, you are breaking the law and will be detained and returned to Iraq.



Be careful!

There are criminal groups or agents operating and taking advantage of people who decide to travel illegally. If you seek help from such agents who sell information, services and documents to go abroad, you may go into debt on very harsh conditions. Often you are not told the truth and may end up in violent or exploitative situations.



Be vigilant!

These criminal groups can charge a lot of money for your travel and may put you under life threatening risks during the journey abroad. Often you will not arrive at the agreed destination. You may be promised a comfortable trip by bus or boat, but often these vehicles and travel circumstances are risky. Putting your life at risk like this is not worth it.

Without legal permits, the authorities of the foreign country will expel you and return you to Iraq.



Other situations that can put you at risk

Even if you travel legally to another country but then overstay your visa or work permit, this makes you an irregular migrant. Remember that you will always be in a vulnerable situation without proper documentation or legal permit to stay in a foreign country.

Criminal groups may also promise a job or another opportunity abroad and then force you to work hard without pay or coerce you into other types of exploitation, such as servitude or prostitution.