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**the Beneficent, the Merciful**

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# Migration and Intermarriage: Consequences of Iranian Women's Marriage with Foreign Nationals

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# Introduction:

Three groups of migrants might be considered:

- Political asylums (those who have asylum papers),
- Homeless and migrant foreigners who lack any visa at arrival but having their national I.D. card or similar papers,
- Residing foreigners, that is, those who entered the country legally and obtained residence papers.

# Major raisons d'être:

- ❖ Lack of adequate information and knowledge on the part of Iranian girls' parents or relatives,
- ❖ some officials' lack of due attention,
- ❖ merciful feelings by the Iranian society towards the foreign nationals.

# Illegal migration, illegal marriages: irreparable consequences

- employment problems for native workers,
- imbalance in labor market,
- high population rate,
- increase of different kinds of crimes (such as addiction, murder, robbery, ...),
- the problem of those dwelling around big cities,
- negative impact on investment because migrants do not invest,
- establishment of new offices just for administering migrants,
- legal and illegal intermarriages,
- and ...
- Marriage cannot be proved because the couples lack legal and formal marriage papers,
- No I.D. card may be issued for the kids out of such marriages due to lack of lawful documents,
- Iranian women cannot sue their legal issues against their foreign husband because their marriage is not recorded,
- There is no legal and formal guarantee to force the foreign husband to go on living with his Iranian wife or to take her to his home country with him, and to pay alimony to the wife, to pay their kids' life expenses,
- There is no evidence for the marriage once the Iranian wife or the foreign male or both are dead, and as a result the kids are left without a guardian,
- Some foreign national males misuse their Iranian wives confidence and try to get married for a second or a third time in various regions in Iran,
- ...

# The problems caused after I. R. Iran decides to send foreign nationals back home:

1. Intermarriages between foreign men and Iranian women, and vice versa,
  - ✓ Kids born out of intermarriages: their problems, rights, nationalities, ....
  - ✓ Foreign national males leave their Iranian wives and kids behind to return home!
2. Their belongings.

# **Latest parliamentary efforts, Government bill**

# Belongings

# Conclusions:

I would like to wholeheartedly  
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