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## WHY IS THE ONCE ACCLAIMED OTHER IRAQ STRUCK BY EXODUS?

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The Kurdish Region of Northern Iraq (KRI) is under the spotlight once again after numerous tragic stories of refugees ending up in deadly situations at European borders. Repatriating thousands of Iraqi Kurds stranded on the Belarus border area for weeks to Erbil, the KRI has been struck once again by the horrifying drowning of 27 asylum seekers migrants in the English Channel, many of whom were Iraqi Kurds.

Several governments and activists have criticised what they have called the victimisation of Iraqi Kurds, who spend thousands of dollars on hazardous journeys to reach European lands. The asylum seekers and migrants were also recently subjected to the blame game between the United Kingdom and France.

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