NABAZ Bazyani

Country Expert

I am an independent Country Expert Witness with over 16 years of field-based research and investigative experience in Iraq and the Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KRI). I provide objective, evidence-based contextual analysis to UK Immigration and Asylum Tribunals, in accordance with CPR Part 35 and the Practice Direction on Expert Evidence. I have an established record in country condition analysis and regional document verification, having authored and submitted over 80 comprehensive Country Expert Reports to UK Immigration and Asylum Tribunals. I have appeared on two occasions before the First-tier Tribunal (Immigration and Asylum Chamber) to provide independent context and expert oral evidence regarding country conditions in Iraq.



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Work experience

Director / Head of Journalists

Zagros TV

- Directed and managed a comprehensive network of field journalists and correspondents across federal Iraq and the KRI.
- Led and analyzed numerous complex investigative projects focusing on systemic corruption, administrative breakdown, and deep-rooted political and socio-economic crises.

Field Correspondent & Analyst

Rudaw TV & Kurdistan 24

- Conducted extensive on-the-ground reporting and investigative analysis on regional security threats, political friction, and localized vulnerabilities.

Founder & Editor-in-Chief

Sorakh Media Network

- Oversee independent research, analytical papers, and data verification concerning contemporary Iraqi affairs.

Research Director

Kurdish Diaspora Research Centre for Politics

- Lead strategic research regarding regional political developments and Kurdish affairs in Iraq.

Education

Expert Witness Training

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Refugee Law Initiative, School of Advanced Study, University of London, , United Kingdom

- Completed specialist Expert Witness training accredited to CPR 35 standards, including:
  - Preparation of National Expert Reports.

· Duties and responsibilities of Expert Witnesses.
· Objective evidence evaluation and courtroom procedure.
· Compliance with CPR Part 35 and Practice Directions.

Diploma in Media Studies

· Academic background focused on media analysis, investigative reporting, communication, and research methodology.

AREAS OF SPECIALIST KNOWLEDGE

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My 16 years of senior-level field experience across multiple governorates and disputed territories in Iraq involved managing journalistic networks, direct engagement with local communities, civil institutions, regional authorities, and social actors. Through this, I provide specialist assessments on:

· Security conditions, corruption vectors, and conflict dynamics.
· Tribal structures and customary dispute mechanisms.
· Documentation systems and civil registration procedures.
· Population displacement and refugee matters.
· Political movements, opposition activity, and political persecution.
· Human rights conditions and social/gender-specific vulnerabilities.

PUBLICATIONS & RESEARCH CONTRIBUTIONS

Untitled

· Author of two published books on the principles and fundamentals of media work.
· Published numerous analytical articles and opinion pieces concerning Iraqi and Kurdish political affairs, migration issues, and regional developments across leading media outlets.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES & SEMINARS

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Participated in numerous international conferences, seminars, and professional forums in the United Kingdom and internationally, focusing on:

· Refugee displacement, migration, and asylum issues.
· Human rights and family reunification policies.
· Middle Eastern political developments.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Member of the National Union of Journalists (NUJ) – United Kingdom

Member of the International Federation of Journalists (IFJ)

Member of the Kurdistan and Iraq Union of Journalists

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

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I understand my overriding duty is to assist the Tribunal independently, impartially, and objectively. All opinions expressed within my reports are based upon my professional expertise, field research, and independent assessment of the available evidence, in accordance with CPR Part 35 and the Practice Direction governing Expert Evidence.