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In light of [recent](#) press coverage of migrants crossing the Channel, Migrant Voice has issued the following statement.

Nazek Ramadan, Director of Migrant Voice, said: “The UK government must do more and invest the millions it spends on border security each year into creating safe and legal routes for those fleeing persecution.

“Spending tens of millions on border security in France, for example, will not stop people from fleeing persecution. And it will not stop people from wanting to join family members in the UK.

“The Government’s use of the Nationality and Borders Bill to ‘fix’ the UK’s asylum system is also wrong. It constitutes a second persecution of people who have already fled persecution. Again, it won’t stop people from making treacherous and potentially fatal journeys across the Channel to the UK, which is often to be reunited with those that they love.

“The UK takes in significantly fewer people seeking asylum than many of its nearest neighbours, including France and Germany.

“Meanwhile, developing countries are currently hosting 86% of the world’s displaced people.

“Stopping people from making these dangerous journeys across the Channel requires a completely different approach, including creating safe and legal routes.”

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To arrange an interview with Nazek Ramadan, please email Migrant Voice’s Communications Officer Ella Braidwood ([ella@migrantvoice.org](mailto:ella@migrantvoice.org)).

Migrant Voice is a migrant-led charity established to develop the skills, capacity and confidence of members of migrant communities, including asylum seekers and refugees. We work to amplify migrant voices in the media and public life to counter xenophobia and build support for our rights.

