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Migrant Voice press statement

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Not in our name: the dangerous, unethical, inhumane Borders Bill passes

With the passing of the Nationality and Borders Bill, the UK government has shown that no price is too high for them when it comes to deterring people seeking safety. If it costs our commitment to international conventions, and the abandoning of our responsibility to protection, then so be it.

In spite of significant opposition - including from the government's own backbenches and the House of Lords - this dangerous Bill now becomes law and reality.

We are disappointed with the passing of this inhumane, unethical Bill, which is also out of step with the public mood.

The new bleak reality for people fleeing wars and persecution and turning to us for protection is continuous punishment which amounts to further persecution.

The passing of the bill will also turn millions of us in this country into second-class citizens as it devalues the British passport, further enabling the revoking of our citizenship.

For all migrants and organisations working for positive change, what matters now is how we go forward. The only way is to resist this escalation of the Hostile Environment. We are therefore committed alongside 250 organisations from across civil society [to fight this dangerous Law](#). We won't give up.

Fundamentally we need to restore the idea that all human life is intrinsically valuable.

We need to continue to show this government that this legislation is not safe and that they do not act for us.