



A STORY ABOUT THE PAKISTANI MIGRANTS

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They are born as migrants; their homeland exists in the hearts and minds of their parents, a place where floods, droughts, and lack of personal security have led them to consider Iran a haven. They associate themselves with a lack of identity and illiteracy, accepting begging in the streets and collecting garbage as part of their lives. Marriage decisions are solely made by their parents. As children, they experience an atmosphere alongside their parents that does not belong to them, and this acceptance of poor conditions and the religious and traditional beliefs of their parents prevents them from striving for a better future. They are like leaves released into stagnant water, providing no benefit to themselves or society outside.

According to Article 5 of the Iranian Citizenship Law (Article 976 of the Iranian Civil Code), Iranian citizenship is granted to individuals born in Iran whose fathers are non-Iranian and who have resided in Iran for at least one year before the age of 18. Pakistani migrants, due to the fear of being deported or due to the unawareness of their rights, usually refrain from approaching the judiciary to claim their rights.





January 18, 2019 - A view of the flag of Iran in Vali Abad region of Tehran.



December 24, 2018 - A view of the surrounding wall of the industrial sheds of Mobarak Abad region in Tehran. This region is close to the Tehran Cemetery from the south-west and to the Shahre-Rey from the northeast.



December 24, 2018 – Farnaz and Azita go to Vali Abad region of Tehran for gathering waste in order to sell it to recycling department of District 20 Municipality of Tehran and earn money for their family. On this day, they went to the recycling department of the Municipality two time after gathering waste, which its income was enough to buy three loaves of bread and four small cakes. They are not aware of their ages and they both live without neither Iranian nor Pakistani identity.



December 24, 2018 – Farnaz and Azita are gathering waste in Vali Abad region of Tehran. On this day, the municipality officials of district 20 came to the site to prohibit the girls and gather their waste and my mediation prevented the officials to do so.



January 31, 2019 – A view of an industrial shed in Mobarak Abad region of Tehran where three Pakistani immigrant families live in. During the war between Iran and Iraq, this industrial shed whose owner, Hossein Daryani, passed away ten years ago was used for lathing ammunition. Mehdi Jamshidi, who is in charge of irrigation of Mr. Daryani's lands, offered this industrial shed to Pakistani Immigrants.



Oct 11, 2018 -2 year-old Leyla is waiting for her sister in a broken pram in the industrial shed.



Oct 11, 2018 - The family is spending a holiday together in an industrial shed.



Oct 11, 2018 -9 year-old Farnaz combs Azita's her seven year old sister hair in the industrial shed.



January 18, 2019 – The washed clothes of Kheir Mohammad's Family, a Pakistani immigrant family who live in a shed in Mobarak Abad region of Tehran.



December 24, 2018 – 33 year-old Kheir Mohammad is seen at the door of the industrial shed in Mobarak Abad region of Tehran, where the Pakistani immigrants live. Kheir Mohammad has seriously injured his forehead, arm and back in a car accident and is not able to work. He has seven children and Nasrollah who is the oldest son of the family is in charge of paying for family needs by working in a Plastic factory, which pays him 160 thousand Tomans per month.



December 24, 2018 – Some of the wastes gathered by children are burnt for playing next to the industrial shed in Mobarak Abad region of Tehran, where the Pakistani families live.



January 18, 2019 – A view of Autumn leaves on a pond near the industrial shed in Mobarak Abad region of Tehran, where the Pakistani immigrants live in.



January 18, 2019 – The W.C. without any facilities which is used by Pakistani Families who live in an industrial shed in Mobarak Abad region of Tehran.



December 24, 2018 – Zahra's slippers is seen at the door of the industrial shed in Mobarak Abad region of Tehran, where Pakistani families live.



January 18, 2019 – Golpari, Kheir Mohammad's daughter, is sitting in a hammock in an industrial shed in Mobarak Abad region of Tehran. According to her mother, Golpari is 2 years old.



January 18, 2019 – A piece of fabric in a form of a hammock is tied to the ceiling of Kheir Mohammad's shed in Mobarak Abad region of Tehran. This hammock is used to keep Quran in the house.



January 18, 2019 –
The mother of the family is
preparing lunch for her
children in the industrial
shed.



January 18, 2019 – One of the family's Pakistani sons is seen playing in a makeshift shelter in the industrial shed.



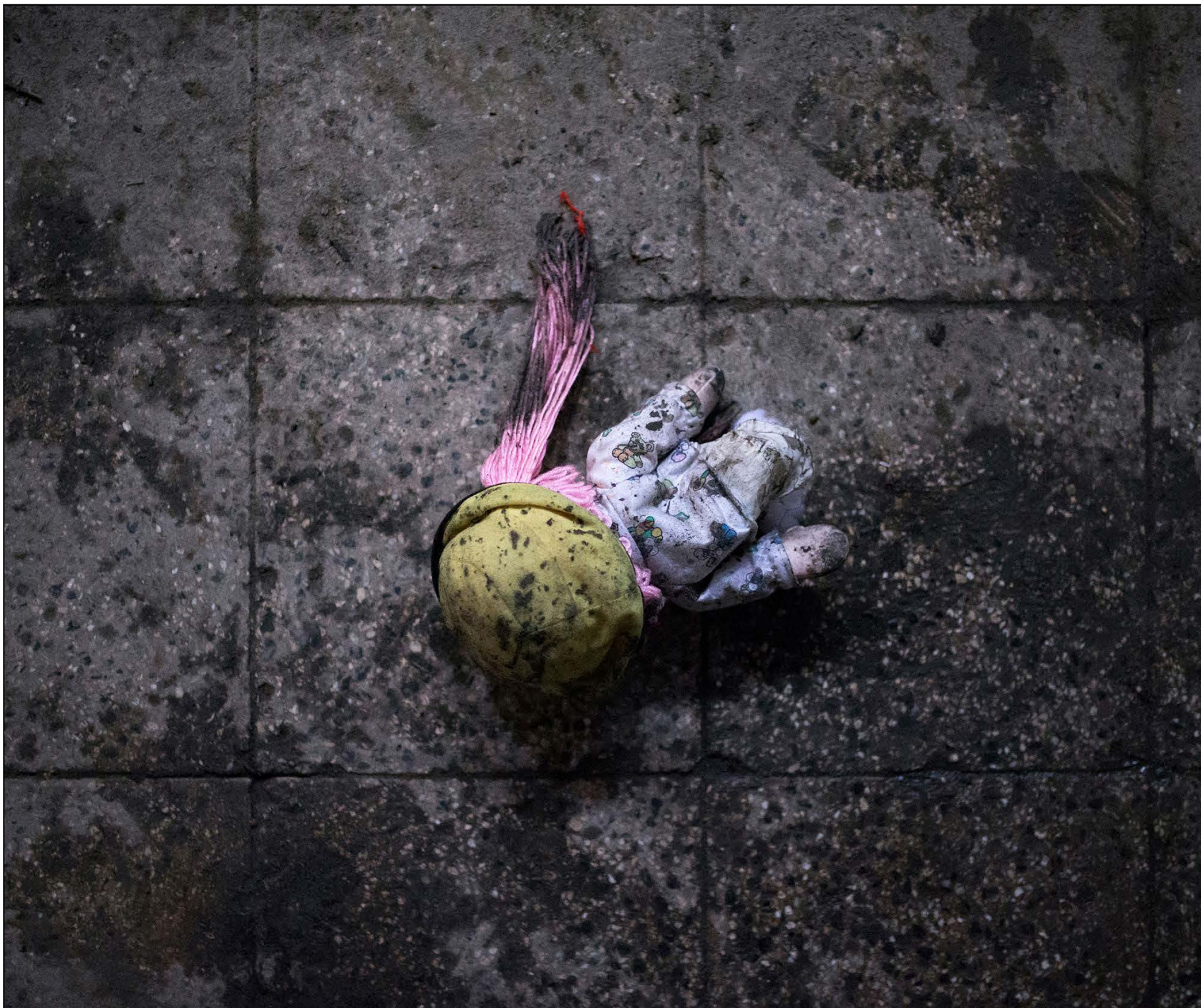
January 17, 2019 – Binazir, 14 years old, is one of the daughters of Kheir Mohammad, a Pakistani. She has been married to her cousin, Nasrullah, in Pakistan, whom she has never seen before. In Pakistan, girls who have reached puberty are married off to adult boys without any questions. These girls are married to someone they have never seen before, without any say in the matter.



January 18, 2019 – After replacing stuff, Masoume, who is the oldest daughter of Kheir Mohammad's family, is coming down from the roof of their house, which is an industrial shed in Mobarak Abad region of Tehran. According to her mother, she is 12 years old and she is chosen to marry a 15 year-old boy called Ebrahim who lives in Pakistan.



January 18, 2019 – A photo of Ali in one of the industrial sheds in Mobarak Abad region of Tehran. Ali is the only son of Kheir Mohammad's family and according to his mother, he was 9 years old when he was arrested and imprisoned by municipality officials while gathering waste. Ali's family are not aware of the prison where their son is held captive.



January 18, 2019 - The doll which belongs to Kheir Mohammad's children is seen in an industrial shed in Mobarak Abad region of Tehran.



January 18, 2019 – A view of earrings which belong to Kheir Mohammad's wife is seen in an industrial shed, where they live in Mobarak Abad region of Tehran.



Oct 11, 2018 - One of Kheir Mohammad's daughters is seen washing her younger sister in the industrial shed area. The family lives in poor sanitary conditions, which often leads to infectious diseases affecting them.



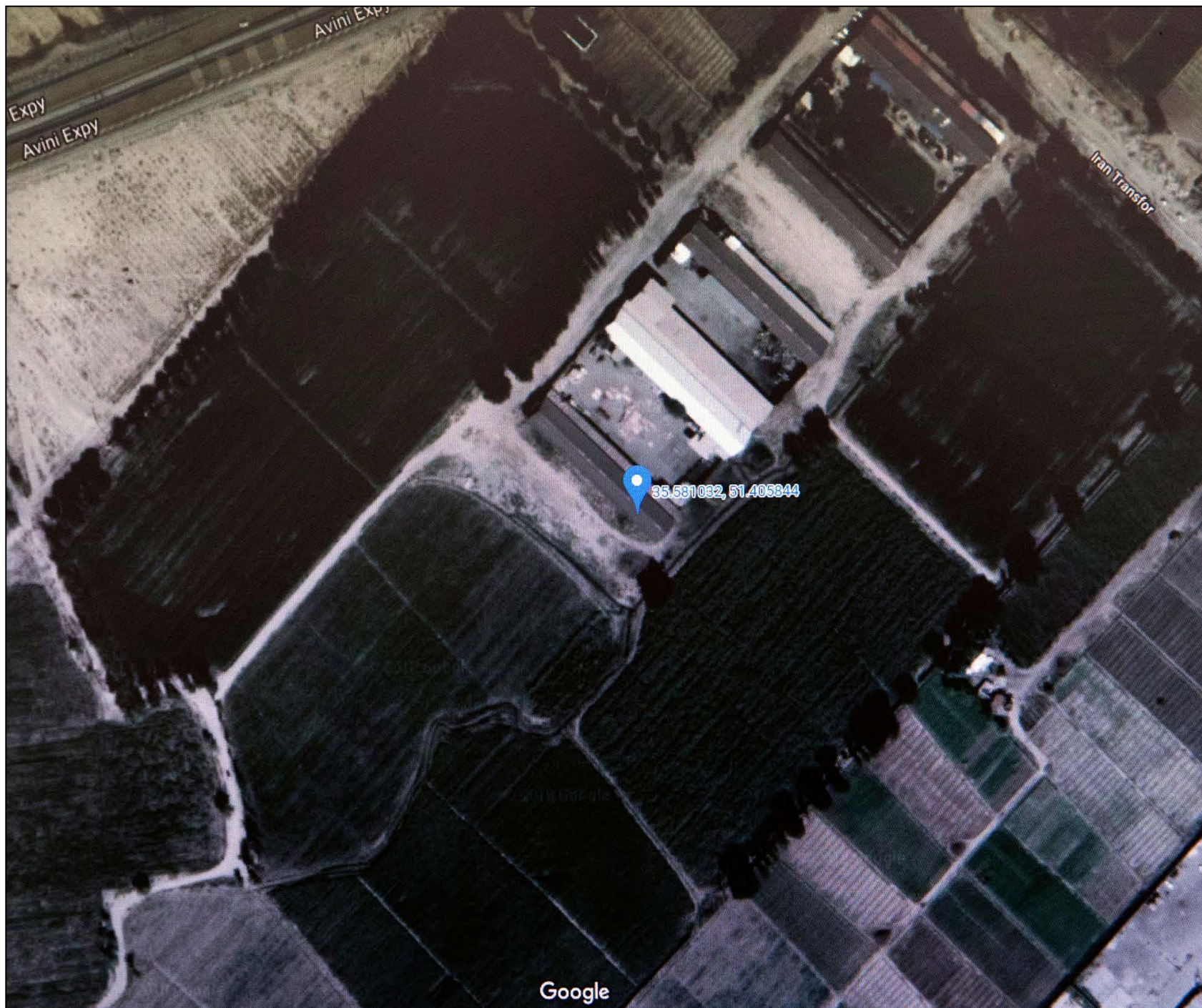
Oct 11, 2018 - One of Kheir Mohammad's daughters is seen cleaning her nails in the industrial shed .The family lives in poor sanitary conditions, which often leads to infectious diseases affecting them.



Oct 11, 2018 - Kheir
Mohammad's daughters are
seen helping to build a
shelter in the industrial shed.



Oct 11, 2018 -
Kheir Mohammad is the father of a seven-member Pakistani immigrant family. He has been disabled due to an accident, suffering injuries to his back and arms, as well as losing part of his forehead. Because of these injuries, he is unable to work. One of his sons works at a nearby plastic factory, providing for the family's expenses.



January 31, 2019 – A view of an industrial shed in Mobarak Abad region of Tehran from Google map where three Pakistani immigrant families live in. During the war between Iran and Iraq, this industrial shed whose owner, Hossein Daryani, passed away ten years ago was used for lathing ammunition. Mehdi Jamshidi, who is in charge of irrigation of Mr. Daryani's lands, offered this industrial shed to Pakistani Immigrants.