

BAJRAM LIRIM (Background Notes)

- LIRIM states he entered the UK in 2004 and applied for asylum in 2005
- He states he travelled from Kosovo to the UK and entered the UK from France hidden in a truck with other illegals
- He states he left Kosovo in 2000 following the 1999 war and that his family were subject to ethnic cleansing by Serbian forces
- His asylum claim is based on coming from a war torn country and his life being in danger should he return. This is because he fought for a free Kosovo against Serbian forces and there are people who would still try and kill him should he be forced to return
- He has worked in the black economy with other illegals as he travelled to the UK doing various menial tasks and once inside the EU decided to get to the UK to start a new life
- His testimony at interview is quite harrowing and tells of seeing his mother and father shot in front of him and his elder sister, Rozafa (born 1980) being raped and shot by Serbian forces
- He arrived in the UK with no papers and claims he is now alone with no family left alive as they all were killed in ethnic cleansing operations
- He was initially granted leave to remain in 2005 and after five years trying to sort his asylum claim out he is now a British Citizen with a naturalisation certificate issued in June 2010, allowing him to apply for a British Passport

PASSPORT APPLICATION IS SUPPORTED BY PHOTOGRAPH OF APPLICANT AND NATURALISATION CERTIFICATE. PHOTOGRAPH IS OF WHITE MALE, BLUE EYES, SMALL SCAR ABOVE LEFT EYEBROW, SHORT FAIR HAIR WEARING WHAT APPEARS TO BE BEIGE CREW NECK JUMPER. AGE OF PERSON IN PHOTOGRAPH COULD BE AGE OF APPLICANT. PHOTOGRAPH CORRECTLY ENDORSED ON REVERSE BY COUNTERSIGNATORY