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GOOD NEWS

- As we end REFUGEE WEEK, here is a good news story:
'We are finally safe': Resettled refugees speak of new life in the UK – and why Britain must do more – read more in *The Independent* <https://bit.ly/3qk9sQq>
Hadir, a Palestinian refugee who grew up in Iraq, was transferred to Manchester with her mother and sister in 2019
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My life was suddenly put at risk when someone started threatening my life for being a Palestinian refugee. My mum and younger sister had to flee quickly. Luckily we were offered resettlement in the UK.
I'd always loved the UK. In Iraq I studied biological sciences and did my masters on bioenergy, so I was learning and studying in English.
I was very nervous on arrival. I thought we might be lost here. But there were people waiting for us and they took us to our house. They helped us all the way.
I didn't think I would adapt so quickly. I started studying in the UK. I wish I could have started studying here earlier. I'm currently working as a vaccinator with the NHS.
People are so friendly – I have a good relationship with my neighbours, which improved through the pandemic with everybody trying to help each other.
It's quite hard for me to make friends here at my age though. That can be tough.
I never felt I belonged in Iraq. I never really felt safe or part of the community or country. I still have nightmares about the days there. But I hope to fulfill my dreams of doing a PhD.
- President Biden's administration has suspended **drilling for oil in the Arctic**.
- Glasgow is to **plant 10 trees per resident** over the next decade.
- HSBC shareholders have overwhelmingly passed a plan that will **phase out HSBC's lending to any coal projects** around the world by 2040 and sooner in Europe. 99.7% of shareholders voted in favour of the new climate pledge.

FOR PRAYER, ACTION AND REFLECTION

- POLLUTION DISASTER IN SRI LANKA**
In Lellama, a fishing town north of the capital Colombo, fishing has been banned since May 20th. 100 are usually dependent on the 2000 boats that normally operate from there. Fishermen say they feel helpless since a cargo boat carrying chemicals and plastics caught fire and later sank, with a fishing ban on 50 miles of coastline. The boat carried 25 tons of nitric acid. Flaming containers filled with billions of plastic pellets tumbled out into the sea. The boat was only 4 months old.
- UGANDA**
A new wave of Covid 19 is sweeping across Uganda, and only 1% of the population are vaccinated. Few facilities exist in the way of intensive care units, ventilators and oxygen cylinders.

- **EITHOPIA**

Elections were due this week, overshadowed by a famine and extreme violence in Tigray. Pray for an end to the worsening of the conflict in Tigray and a cessation of crimes against women and for the freedom of the Tigray people.

We do believe that in some mysterious way God is in the midst of chaos and many evils that are inflicting our world, that he cares for each and everyone. Pray that hearts will be turned to the will of the Father. We do believe that prayer works miracles and is always heard, and that it is our privilege and calling to pray for justice and peace.

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