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The forced exile of young Afghan people

They are under age and are living an endless odyssey. Farid is 16 years old, so is Barmegan. Skandar is only 15.

They come from Jalalabad, from the Larman valley (Afghanistan) and from Peshawar (Pakistan). They are cousins by alliance and travel together to reach England where another cousin is expecting them. «Overthere, we will find somewhere to live and will be able to go to school » says Farid with conviction; he's the only one to speak English, and therefore leads this fragile venture.

They are taking refuge in the park Villemin, located in Paris (10th), after an unsuccessful passing through in Calais (they had to hide in a truck going to Hungary) and their stopover will be as short as possible. « I can't imagine staying here. We met many Afghan people who obtained papers (a provisional authorization of stay) nevertheless they sleep in the park, and now in the streets because there are no hotel nor accommodation available for them here ». Since August 25th, the Town Hall has indeed decided to dislodge at night all exile from the park and from the Canal Saint-Martin banks where they use to perk up since the closing of Sangatte in December 2002.