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INSTITUTIONALISED CHILD SNATCHING in the UK

Systemic Aspects for the Petitions Committee of the EU Parliament on 19 March 2014

I MY PERSONAL EXPERIENCE with CHILD SNATCHING

I am a retired systems analyst who used to diagnose software at CERN in Geneva. Since 2004 I have been an independent web publisher and was given the story of 'Baby Harley' for [Victims Unite](http://victims-unite.net)¹ but received a 'gag' by *Swansea Council* in February 2011. Based on my experience with fraudulent bankruptcies, I recognised the falsification of official documents. A 'gagging order' was repeated by *Doncaster Council* when I published a website for Vicky Haigh, the first [gag removed by John Hemming MP](http://www.gagremovedbyjohnhemmingmp.com)² in Parliament. The third gagging order came from *Haringey Council* who are responsible for the [worst of all child snatching cases](http://www.gloriamusa.wordpress.com)³ – a Nigerian family with seven children – imprisoned for seven years while the youngest children are to be adopted and five kept in permanent 'care'.

Individually, I built websites for

1. **English Vicky Haigh** – whose daughter was molested by her ex-partner and given to him for residence – without her having contact until she is 18: www.vickyhaigh.wordpress.com set to 'private' due to her ongoing proceedings – over 30,000 visits since May 2011
2. **Nigerian Gloria and Chiwar Musa** – whose 5 children were taken by Haringey Council without paperwork, 6th child later and 7th child after birth in prison: www.gloriamusa.wordpress.com > 64,000 visits since July 2011
3. **US Melissa Laird – the US Mother** who was deported so that her son could be kept by Barnet Council: <http://melissalaird.wordpress.com> > 4,400 visits since September 2013
4. **The English Thompson Family – 3 children adopted by Walsall Council without papers:** <http://philthompsonfamily.wordpress.com> > 1,700 visits since October 2013
5. **Portuguese Carla and Jose Pedro** – whose 5 children were taken by Lincolnshire Council without paper work: <http://pedrofamilia.wordpress.com/about/> > 2,000 visits since November 2013.

Collectively, I have assisted some fifty cases on various levels and built these sites:

1. **Voluntary Public Interest Advocacy - Association of McKenzie Friends:** www.mckenzie-friends.co.uk > 21,000 visits since February 2012

¹ <http://victims-unite.net/about/>

² <http://johnhemming.blogspot.co.uk/2011/04/gag-removed-job-done.html>

³ <http://gloriamusa.wordpress.com/about/>

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2. **No Punishment without Crime – no Bereavement without Death** - a re-publication of Ian Josephs' [Forced Adoption](http://www.punishmentwithoutcrime.wordpress.com)⁴: www.punishmentwithoutcrime.wordpress.com > 39,500 visits since April 2012
3. **A Battle for Britain's Children** – a record of 'Battle News' by Belinda McKenzie, Co-Founder of the Association of McKenzie Friends: <http://belindammckenzie.wordpress.com/> > 1,500 visits since December 2012

I also published the following petitions:

1. For the British Justice system:
 - a. [The Secrecy of Family Courts should be lifted NOW!](http://www.gopetition.com/petitions/the-secrecy-of-the-family-courts-should-be-lifted-now.html)⁵ > 1,700 signatures and > 30,400 views since May 2011
2. For the EU Petitions Committee:
 - a. [Abolish Adoptions without Parental Consent](http://www.change.org/petitions/eu-parliament-abolish-adoptions-without-parental-consent)⁶ – currently > 2,700 signatures
 - b. [Stop forced adoptions in the UK](http://www.avaaz.org/en/petition/Stop_Forced_Adoptions_in_the_UK/)⁷ – currently > 1,300 signatures
 - c. [Dossier of online Evidence](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1NCF_XdMTNhnf947eniZ3SocOWyJ5Cl6pramw4iOPY9c/edit?usp=sharing)⁸ – consisting of 12 pages.

II CHILD SNATCHING as a SYSTEMIC ISSUE

- 1) 'Child snatching' and child 'protection' system are the terms that Christopher Booker uses in his weekly column in [The Telegraph](http://www.telegraph.co.uk)⁹. He covered the [Nigerian Musa case](http://gloriamusa.wordpress.com/)¹⁰ in [14 articles](http://gloriamusa.wordpress.com/public-support/booker-articles/)¹¹. [Here](http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/law-and-order/10191983/Our-child-protection-system-is-an-international-scandal.html)¹² he calls the child 'protection' system an international scandal. 1,000 children a month are taken from their birth parents and [children are screaming to be heard](http://www.childrenscreamingtobeheard.com/)¹³.
- 2) McKenzie Friends have assisted the Musas since their first 5 children were taken in April 2010. They take the view that their case is the worst of all cases: in terms of crimes committed to cover up the initial crime – besides imprisoning both parents for seven years, refusing consular visits and imposing terribly cruel prison conditions.
- 3) The need for the Association of McKenzie Friends arose from the impossibility of innocent prisoners not being able to get a fair trial, while their rights to family life were violated and they experience torture in prisons: Articles 6, 8 and 10 of the European Convention on Human Rights.
- 4) Their appeal against conviction and sentencing was recently refused with "nothing in the grounds for appeal", even though the Police had 'lost' the initial letter of evidence. The case is also worst due to falsified Police reports regarding bail appointments where supporters attended. The defendants were also not able to get their papers returned from their solicitors, despite help by supporters.
- 5) The Musa case is like a 'template' for the [Portuguese Pedro case](http://pedrofamily.wordpress.com/about/)¹⁴: Lincolnshire Council took 5 children, also without paper work. In both cases, the oldest child was subsequently used to make false allegations

⁴ <http://forced-adoption.com/introduction.asp>

⁵ <http://www.gopetition.com/petitions/the-secrecy-of-the-family-courts-should-be-lifted-now.html>

⁶ <http://www.change.org/petitions/eu-parliament-abolish-adoptions-without-parental-consent>

⁷ [http://www.avaaz.org/en/petition/Stop Forced Adoptions in the UK/](http://www.avaaz.org/en/petition/Stop_Forced_Adoptions_in_the_UK/)

⁸ https://docs.google.com/document/d/1NCF_XdMTNhnf947eniZ3SocOWyJ5Cl6pramw4iOPY9c/edit?usp=sharing

⁹ <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/>

¹⁰ <http://gloriamusa.wordpress.com/>

¹¹ <http://gloriamusa.wordpress.com/public-support/booker-articles/>

¹² <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/law-and-order/10191983/Our-child-protection-system-is-an-international-scandal.html>

¹³ <http://www.childrenscreamingtobeheard.com/>

¹⁴ <http://pedrofamily.wordpress.com/about/>

against the parents. Both parents were ‘gagged’ from complaining about their punishment without crime and the Consul has so far not had consular visits either.

- 6) John Hemming is the only MP who consistently stands up for parents in Parliament. His campaigning organisation [Justice for Families](#)¹⁵ has over 2,000 cases on file. In June 2013 he convened a meeting with 59 representatives of over 30 embassies and consulates which resulted in the Early Day Motion [International Concerns about UK Law](#)¹⁶. He is critical of Governmental [adoption targets](#)¹⁷ and management.
- 7) Ian Josephs is the veteran of all observers: a former local councillor in Kent with a law degree from Oxford, he has been running a language school from Monaco where he publishes [Forced Adoption](#)¹⁸ and helps parents as a McKenzie Friend. He receives some 6 – 10 phone calls a day.
- 8) Florence Bellone, a Belgian journalist won a special radio prize for her programme [Great Britain: The Stolen Children](#)¹⁹.
- 9) Canal V commissioned [Angleterre, le royaume des enfants perdus](#)²⁰ which was also broadcast by ARTE in German.
- 10) In the UK, the mainstream media don’t report anything. Only occasionally do serious scandals appear in the press and on TV, as family court hearings are held in secret and parents are gagged with threat of imprisonment. The *Association of McKenzie Friends* has published [Child Snatching is one of Seven Deadly Syndromes and Seven Media Cover-Ups](#)²¹.
- 11) Harriet Harman MP admitted in Parliament in 2006 that [200 parents a year are imprisoned](#)²² in the privacy and secrecy of family courts.

III WHAT is UNIQUE in the UK

- 12) Compared with other countries, the [UK is unique](#)²³ in the following aspects:
 - a) The UK is the ONLY State in the WORLD that gags parents whose children have been taken by Social Services, i.e. threatens them with prison if they dare to complain about their pain. And these threats are enforced in the case of 200 parents a year, at least.
 - b) The UK is the ONLY State in Europe (except Croatia and possibly Portugal) to permit the horror of [forced adoption](#)²⁴.
 - c) The UK is the ONLY State in Europe to allow [Punishment without Crime](#)²⁵ i.e. the taking of children by Social Services from parents who have not committed any criminal offence.
 - d) The UK is the ONLY State in Europe taking children for “emotional abuse” and worse still “risk of emotional abuse” – on the basis of predictions from overpaid ‘experts’ that one day parents just might harm their children. [A commissioned report](#)²⁶ revealed that 20% are not even qualified.

¹⁵ <http://justice-for-families.org.uk/>

¹⁶ <http://www.parliament.uk/edm/2013-14/345>

¹⁷ <http://punishmentwithoutcrime.wordpress.com/about/why-do-they-do-it/adoption-targets/>

¹⁸ <http://forced-adoption.com/>

¹⁹ <http://lorenzonaliprize.eu/category/winners/2011/special-radio-prize-2011/>

²⁰ <http://television.telarama.fr/tele/magazine/special-investigation,258726,emission45756672.php>

²¹ <http://victims-unite.net/2012/11/04/child-snatching-as-one-of-seven-deadly-syndromes-and-seven-media-cover-ups/>

²² <http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200506/cmhansrd/vo060613/debtext/60613-0003.htm>

²³ <http://punishmentwithoutcrime.wordpress.com/about/this-is-the-situation/whats-unique-in-the-uk/>

²⁴ <http://www.forcedadoption.com/>

²⁵ <http://punishmentwithoutcrime.wordpress.com/>

²⁶ <http://www.channel4.com/news/how-competent-are-expert-witnesses>

- e) The UK is the ONLY State in Europe to censor conversations between parents and children in care. Children are left wondering what they have done wrong, as parents are forbidden to explain the situation, or discuss the court case in any way. Phrases such as “I love you and I miss you” are also forbidden under the threat of contact being stopped immediately if the parents “transgress.” Children naturally begin to think their parents might not love them or want them back any more.

IV THE PATTERNS THAT CONNECT CHILD SNATCHING CASES

- 13) Children, especially of foreigners, are being snatched by Local Councils in the following manner:
 - a) Schools, hospitals and housing services are used as ‘honey traps’ where Social Services become aware of vulnerable parents and children.
 - b) With the aid of Police, they are being physically removed – generally without any paperwork.
 - c) Police Forces admitted to the [falsification of criminal statistics](#)²⁷ before the Justice Select Committee on 19 November 2013, especially when they relate to rape and sexual abuse cases.
 - d) Subsequent allegations are fabricated to justify the removal and to keep parents busy with contact arrangements and court procedures. In this process, marriages, jobs, financial and housing situations tend to get ruined.
 - e) An example and exception is the Slovak Boor family whose two sons were [returned after 920 days](#)²⁸ and major demonstrations outside the UK Embassy in Bratislava as well as TV and press coverage.
 - f) Should parents resist any of the conditions and restrictions imposed, they risk being criminalised with the ultimate aim of deporting the parents and keeping the children. This explains the many cases listed for ‘disposal’.
- 14) Social Workers invent the wildest of lies and allegations. 84 out of 100 parents questioned by [Stolen Children of the UK \[S.C.O.T. UK\]](#)²⁹ said their children were taken due to “*risk of future emotional harm.*”
- 15) Every criminal court operates on the basis of ‘innocent until proven guilty’. But family courts rely on hearsay and operate on the balance of probabilities. Comparatively few cases result in criminal proceedings such as the Musas’. The real victims are the children whose wishes should be heard in an open, fair and appropriate manner.
- 16) Recent research focusing on [non-UK Kids in Care](#)³⁰ revealed that Croydon alone accounts for over 1,118 children of foreign nationals. But hardly any council informs the responsible embassy or consulate.
- 17) In official Social Services meetings and secret family courts, the following international agreements that are in force, are routinely being ignored:
 - a) the [UN Convention on the Rights of the Child](#)³¹;
 - b) the [Vienna Convention on Consular Relations](#)³²;
 - c) and [European Convention on Human Rights](#)³³, especially relating to Articles 6, 8 and 10.
- 18) At the end of a week-long protest outside Downing Street by the largest campaigning group [Stolen Children of the UK](#)³⁴ [S.C.O.T. UK], a petition was lodged before the House of Commons: [Children Placed in Foster Care](#)³⁵ – without any response so far.

²⁷ <http://victims-unite.net/2013/11/19/cuffing-nodding-skewing-stitching-ways-of-falsifying-crime-statistics/>

²⁸ <http://victims-unite.net/2013/01/01/the-plane-landed-the-2-slovak-boys-are-back-after-920-days-in-captivity/>

²⁹ <https://www.facebook.com/groups/scotuk/>

³⁰ https://www.academia.edu/5709931/Non_UK_kids_in_care_report

³¹ <http://www.unicef.org.uk/UNICEFs-Work/Our-mission/UN-Convention/>

³² http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vienna_Convention_on_Consular_Relations

³³ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/European_Convention_on_Human_Rights

- 19) [Statistics](#)³⁶ about children in care are atrocious and McKenzie Friends have observed multi-generational abuse in 'care'. It has every appearance of a deliberate destruction of society.
- 20) In the spirit of the [Munby Reforms](#)³⁷, courts should consider the judgement that resulted in the Daily Mail headline [UK Courts must not decide the fate of foreign children, says top judge](#)³⁸, but judges treat their court rooms as their domain of rule and they tend to be in cahoots with barristers, solicitors and social services.

V OUR REQUESTS and EXPECTATIONS

The UK Delegation of five petitioners, seven victimised parents and four supporters is making the following requests on behalf of all parents and children who have become victim of the UK child 'protection' system:

1. To do everything in the Committee's power

- a. to ensure that future adoptions without Parental Consent will not be allowed in the UK;
- b. to make past adoptions reversible – if possible, based on the decision of the adopted child;
- c. to enforce the Rule of international Law, as expressed in
 - i. the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child;
 - ii. the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations;
 - iii. the EU Articles of Human Rights.

2. To make recommendations for the creation of an international Ombudsman-type tribunal that

- a. ensures children are being heard – whether in screaming or in talking age;
- b. reviews 'care' proceedings that are currently in process;
- c. invites parents to submit documents relating to past 'care' proceedings for re-assessment.

3. To return children to their birth parents as soon as possible

- a. especially when they were taken as babies and shortly after birth;
- b. especially when their parents are foreigners;
- c. and especially when their parents are imprisoned.

The *Association of McKenzie Friends* will gladly assist the Petitions Committee which will hopefully organise an investigation into the institutions of the UK.

John Hemming MP consistently blames the Government and management for policy such as adoption targets. Similarly, the Police have even 'crime targets'.

³⁴ <https://www.facebook.com/groups/scotuk/?fref=ts>

³⁵ <http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm130903/petnindx/130903-x.htm>

³⁶ <http://punishmentwithoutcrime.wordpress.com/about/statistics/>

³⁷ <http://pedrofamilly.wordpress.com/encouraging-munby-quotes/>

³⁸ <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2539601/UK-courts-not-decide-fate-foreign-children-says-judge.html>