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## Blocked Deportations Raise Alarm Over Human Rights Loopholes

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Concerns are growing over the inability to deport foreign criminals due to legal loopholes in current human rights frameworks, with critics highlighting the risks posed to public safety by repeat offenders.

Government figures have revealed that more than 10,000 foreign nationals released from UK prisons between 2021 and 2025 have gone on to commit roughly 40,000 additional

crimes. Shockingly, over 500 of these individuals committed at least 10 new offences each, sparking outrage among those demanding stricter deportation enforcement. Legal experts and policymakers argue that many of these offenders have avoided removal by exploiting provisions under the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR), particularly Article 8, which protects the right to a family life.

The Ministry of Justice confirmed that many foreign nationals have launched successful legal challenges under the ECHR or pre-Brexit European Union regulations. This legal shield has allowed numerous offenders to remain in the country even after serving prison sentences, often leading to further criminal activity.

Efforts are underway within the Home Office to address the issue. Officials admit that current data does not adequately track how many deportation efforts have failed due to legal appeals. A senior Home Office minister noted that a new system is being developed to publish detailed statistics on foreign national offenders (FNOs) facing removal proceedings.

Baroness Porter, a member of the House of Lords, called for urgent reforms, stating, “The Government needs to act decisively on Foreign National Offenders. How can they manage the crisis if they don’t even have basic facts about what’s happening?” She emphasised that with UK prison capacity under pressure, removing criminals to serve their sentences in their home countries should be a top priority.

Calls to revisit the United Kingdom’s commitment to the ECHR are growing louder among certain political figures. Kemi Badenoch recently presented a framework of “five tests” to evaluate whether remaining in the ECHR continues to serve the national interest, indicating a willingness to support withdrawal if necessary. Similarly, Reform UK leader Nigel Farage has pledged that exiting the treaty would be his first move if elected, underscoring the importance of national sovereignty and public safety.

As debate intensifies, the public and policymakers alike are demanding greater transparency, tougher legislation, and a renewed focus on removing those who pose a risk to British communities.