

## Clarifying Concerns about Risk of CPTer's

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I am not sending stories to scare people but to inform them. Our situation here is not at all that dangerous. We are not at the protests in the night when tents are being burned and have not even been asked to observe that part of the protest. We drove to the border on a main road with many trucks going back and forth. There is a lot of legal trade that goes back and forth between Iran and Iraq. Armed forces from both countries are not interested in stopping that. The border area is dangerous for the Kurds not us unless we were to start climbing around in the mountains as those Americans did. The most dangerous part of the trip was likely the unexpectedly icy road at the top but drivers here have all experienced slippery roads. The sergeant is a soldier who clearly believes in the use of force to control situations but it is important to hear views of people like him to understand the divisions in society that exist here. Change is craved for by some and resisted by others. Thanks for letting me know about this because I do not want to create any misunderstandings. This is not Lybia.