

Illegally residing in Cyprus

Question:

My husband and I are in Cyprus illegally. My husband is the citizen of Syria, I'm the citizen of Russia. We have a child. For childbirth, we used the services of a private clinic, where they gave us a certificate of birth. I'm going to go back to Russia, how can I take the child with me?

Response:

All third country nationals residing in Cyprus must ensure that they legally reside in the Republic at all times. Otherwise, you are considered to be a prohibited immigrant and you may be deported at any time from the island. In addition, in case you will attempt to depart from the airport you may be put in the stop list. In such a case you will not be able to return back to Cyprus. It is very important for us to know for how long you have been residing illegally in the Republic and what the reasons of your illegal stay are. Each case is examined and construed in its own facts and merits, as such we may be able to assist you to legalize your stay in the island so you would be able to legally leave the island and legally return back in the future without any problems. Since your child was born in the Republic and is a new born, for the time being you have a direct link to the Republic not only because your child has a Cyprus birth certificate, but also for humanitarian reasons. Please contact our Immigration Legal Department as soon as possible in order not to forfeit any advantages that may apply to your situation.