

### **The Institution of Racism**

It is early evening, and before going home I go to Sainsbury's in Potters Bar to do some shopping. I put my things in a basket and go to the till. An Englishman at the cash desk swipes the bar codes one by one. I pull some vouchers out of my purse, count them and hold them out, waiting for him to take them. He looks at them and says:

- What are they?
- They're vouchers and I was told that I can pay with them here.
- I've never seen them. I don't know what they are.

A lady who has been waiting for her turn, gives me a disdainful look, collects up her shopping and goes to another till.

I say to the man:

- They are vouchers and I can pay with them.

He gives me a humiliating looks and does nothing. He doesn't touch the vouchers. I say:

- Ask your supervisor. I'm sure I can shop with them here.

He doesn't move, just looks at me. I look around, a lady, one of his colleagues, is standing nearby. I call her and give her the vouchers and ask:

- Can you please show this to your supervisor and ask if I can buy things with them here?

She says, "Yes." and goes off then comes back and says to the man:

- She can buy with them, only don't give her any change back.

Perhaps they think if I'm allowed to have money, I'll buy bombs with it. And perhaps I'll join Islamic terrorism. After all we are all dark-haired foreigners to them. They don't know that I escaped such terrorism, that I was beaten and tortured and each time they beat me, they called out to their prophets.

'Sodex ho PASS' is printed on the vouchers, which means they have been provided by a French company. So the UK government is paying a foreign company money to

provide refugees with vouchers. Because it is the best way of humiliating, ghettoizing and pointing them out to others as bogus.

By going shopping with these vouchers I have understood why some refugees prefer to sell their vouchers for less money than they are worth. They would rather go with less food than face this kind of humiliation. The government is paying out money to institute racism.