

Unprecedented sex harassment in Helsinki at New Year, Finnish police report

From [arrested six Iraqis at an asylum residency centre in Kirkkonummi](#), west of Helsinki, suspected of “publicly inciting criminal behaviour”. They were released on January 2. According to Mr Koskimaki, the arrests were linked to the information police received in the run-up to New Year’s Eve.

In November, Finnish authorities said around 10 asylum seekers were suspected of rapes, among the more than 1,000 rapes reported to police in 2015.

In 2015 the Nordic nation of 5.4 million inhabitants received over 32,000 mostly Iraqi asylum seekers, the fourth highest amount in Europe per capita and nearly 10 times more than Finland received in 2014.