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The Unseen Costs of TikTok Migration | VOA Original

Social media has changed the way people migrate. In Senegal, many young people use TikTok to connect with those who've successfully arrived in Spain. But the route across the Atlantic is often much harder than portrayed online. This film follows two friends trying to make their European dream come true. TRT 18'50" | Release on June. 6, 2024



No Turning Back | VOA Original

In 2022, Xu Chen and his family left China for the US, joining a rising number of middle-class Chinese fleeing government policies, crackdowns, and economic uncertainty. Follow their initial weeks in the US as they share their journey's risks and dreams for the future. TRT 27'36" | Release on June. 13, 2024



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The Failed Migration | VOA Original

Javid Karezi, a member of Afghanistan's renowned singing lineage, faced adversity when the Taliban seized control on August 15, 2021. With music banned, he relocated to Quetta, Pakistan, for eight months. Unable to sustain his family through singing due to language barriers and limited opportunities, he returned to Kabul, battling depression amid the absence of music and financial strain under Taliban rule. TRT 27'45" | Release on June. 20, 2024



Next Gen Voices | VOA Original

Leading up to the 2024 Indonesian elections, a group of young people created a movement to encourage other Indonesian youth to use their voices and vote. Via (19) and Hilmi (28) are part of Bijak Memilih (Vote Wisely), working to provide young voters with critical information in new, engaging ways as the countdown marches on to election day.

TRT 17'52" | Release on June. 27, 2024



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Editor's Choice: Escape from Kabul | VOA Original"

Amidst a collapsing nation, those once protectors became the ones in need. Witnessing the chaos of the American withdrawal from an Afghan base, Khial Shinwari, a 35-year-old air force pilot, flew 130 people to safety. As the Taliban approached, he orchestrated his own escape to the US, leaving behind his life and career. Now, he adjusts to a new life but remains determined to pursue his dream of flying again. TRT 18'57" | 2022

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