

Minister of Immigration and Integration
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Syrian Refugees in Denmark

Dear Minister,

The situation for Syrian refugees in Denmark is a cause for great concern.

At least 39 refugees have now had their residency status stripped and have been placed in "return centres", where they are not allowed to work or pursue an education. Here they will stay, separated from their families, their communities, their schools and workplaces, until they can be deported. Without diplomatic ties to the Syrian regime, the Danish government has, as yet, been unable to return them. These cruel conditions are designed to pressure them to decide to return "voluntarily" to Syria, a measure that is unlawful under international law.

I urge you to take immediate steps to ensure the continuation of protection to all Syrians residing in Denmark, including those who have temporary residency permits. All Syrians are in need of protection until there is a situation where their fundamental rights are no longer at risk in Syria.

Sincerely,