



A Refugee Nation - Mohamad Hafez

Give Refuge to Refugees

Millions of Syrians and Palestinians-Syrians have fled their homes. Over two million are in Turkey. Jordan has refugee camps filled with tens of thousands. They were allowed in without the hatred behind “extreme vetting”.

Obviously peace needs to come to Syria and the Syrians need to return home, but until that time it is a legal obligation and moral duty for the nations of the world to care for refugees. The U.S. should reject Trump’s anti-immigrant bigotry and his decree that Syrian not be allowed into the U.S.



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Speak Out For Syria



- Give Refuge to Refugees
- End the Sieges
- Drop Food, Not Bombs
- Indict the War Criminals
- Love the White Helmets
- No Forced Evacuations
- Listen to Syrians



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Bombings by Air in Syria

Assad forces used their air force against civilian protest and armed groups, dropping everything from barrel bombs to chemicals. Since 2015 Russian planes have assist Assad forces and are notorious for bombing hospitals. The U.S. air force and its allies have bombed Syria over 8,000 times, mostly against ISIS and al-Qaeda and in April 2017 against Assad forces. The liberation of Syria is a job for Syrians. Self-serving foreign military forces have killed and killed and only made things worse.



Sadnaya Prison

In Feb. 2017 Amnesty International called the Syrian Sednaya prison a “human slaughterhouse” and issued a chilling report about thousands of hangings. It is run by Assad’s forces. Perhaps as many as 13,000 people were executed by hangings after “trials” that lasted five or 10 minutes. These are terrible crimes against humanity.

Our New York Times Letter

Representative Eliot L. Engel’s reasons to refrain from airdropping food and medicine to besieged Syrians are faulty. Among others, he is afraid that drops might fall into the hands of terrorists, but we’re talking about food, not guns.

The question of threats to United States aircraft is a serious consideration, but we are talking about sieges that the Security Council deemed illegal in 2014. It is worth taking risks to save lives, to enforce international law and to make sieges of civilian areas a thing of the past. We say drop food, not bombs.

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Shamefully the U.N. airdrops food and supplies to only one city in Syria, the Assad regime controlled area of Deir Ezzor. The U.N. uses airplanes and GPS guided parachutes to send in aid. Occasionally the U.N. brings in food by trucks, but only when Assad forces allow it.

Our Columnist Syrian Joseph Daher



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- Beating ISIS in Mosul Won’t Heal Deep Iraq Divisions
- Syria – Calling for an End to the Interventions is Not Nearly Enough
- He toured the U.S. in 2017. See his talk about Palestine and Syria at pepeace.org



This Syrian baby deserve a happy life, not hunger