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end all policies and practices that remove Syrians' refugee
status*

On 29 June 2022, Syrians for Truth and Justice (STJ) joined 8 other international organizations in presenting an intervention to the UN Human Rights Council during the oral update of the Independent International Commission of Inquiry concerning the issue of the forced return and deportations of Syrian refugees globally.

You can watch our statement through this [link](#).

Mr. President,

Nearly half of Syria's population has been displaced over the course of a devastating twelve-year conflict. There are currently 6.8 million Syrian refugees and another 6.7 million are internally displaced.

Reports from human rights organizations indicate that no part of Syria meets the requirements for safe, dignified, and voluntary return. Syrians who returned have been subjected to torture and other ill-treatment, arbitrary detention, enforced disappearance, extrajudicial killings, sexual and gender-based violence, and persecution at the hands of the Syrian government and armed groups.

Deportations and forced returns threaten justice, reconciliation, and future stability.

In Denmark, hundreds of Syrians are at risk of being stripped of their residency status.

Lebanon has pursued an aggressive return agenda. Push factors from Lebanese actors threaten asylum and create an environment prone to human rights violations.

The Turkish plan to repatriate one million Syrian refugees threatens to alter the demography of the area. Turkish-backed opposition factions have seized the property of Syrian Kurdish families, who have been denied the right to return.

Our organizations call on this Commission to publish a comprehensive report on the human rights situation of displaced Syrians, including refugees, asylum seekers, visa holders, and other Syrians who were returned or deported.

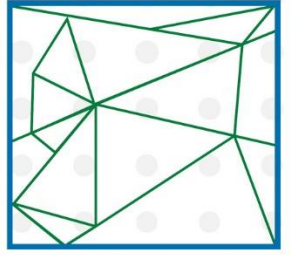
We further urge UN member states to abide by the principle of non-refoulement and to immediately end all policies and practices that remove refugee status or deprive displaced Syrians of temporary protection status.

Thank you.

Signatories:

1. 11.11.11
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3. Basmeh & Zeitooneh
4. Cairo Institute for Human Rights (CIHRS)
5. PAX
6. Syrian Center for Media and Freedom of Expression (SCM)
7. Syrians for Truth and Justice (STJ)
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About Us:

Syrians for Truth and Justice (STJ) is a nonprofit, nongovernmental organization monitoring human rights violations in Syria. Founded in 2015, STJ has been based in France since 2019.

STJ is an impartial and independent Syrian human rights organization operating across Syria. Our network of field researchers monitor and report human rights violations occurring on the ground in Syria, while our international team of human rights experts, lawyers, and journalists gather evidence, examine emerging patterns of violations, and analyze how violations break domestic Syrian and international law.

We are committed to documenting violations of human rights committed by all parties in the Syrian conflict and elevating the voices of all Syrians victimized by human rights violations, regardless of their ethnicity, religion, political affiliation, class, and/or gender. Our commitment to human rights monitoring is founded on the idea that professional human rights documentation meeting international standards is the first step to uncovering the truth and achieving justice in Syria.



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