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### **Syrian Refugee at Imminent Risk of Deportation**

Dear Home Minister,

On behalf of the Thompson Rivers University Students' Union, we urge you to investigate the circumstances surrounding **Hassan al-Kontar**, a Syrian refugee who is at imminent risk of deportation to Syria.

We are deeply troubled by reports from Amnesty International that **Hassan al-Kontar** has been arrested and transferred to the Department of Immigration. He has had limited access to the UNHCR and his lawyer and we are concerned for his safety and well-being. **Hassan** has been stranded at Kuala Lumpur International Airport in Malaysia since March. As a fleeing refugee, deportation back to Syria would violate the international principle of non-refoulement and Hassan would be at risk of torture and other ill-treatment upon his return.

We strongly urge you, in accordance with Malaysia's international obligation, not deport **Hassan al-Kontar** back to Syria under any circumstances. Furthermore, we insist that **Hassan** has full access to remedies that guarantee his safety, including his lawyer and UNHCR representatives.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

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