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Mr. Süleyman Soylu, Minister of Interior  
Ministry of the Interior  
Devlet Mahallesi, T.C. İçişleri Bakanlığı  
06580 Çankaya/Ankara, Turkey

## Turkey – Unlawful Deportations of Syrians Must Stop

Dear Minister,

On behalf of the Thompson Rivers University Students' Union, we insist on the immediate cessation of unlawful deportation of Syrian refugees from Turkey. While we thank Turkey for being the world's largest host of refugees, we are concerned by reports from Amnesty International that deportations of Syrian refugees have increased. Refugees whose Turkish identification documents are no longer valid are unable to renew them, even though Turkish and international law permits their renewal.

As this is a serious human rights violation, we call on you to thoroughly investigate all allegations of forced deportations to Syria. Due to the ongoing conflict, Syria is not a safe country for refugees and asylum seekers. Amnesty International and other organizations have received credible and consistent evidence of deportations where people have been placed in immediate and serious danger.

In addition to investigating allegations of forced deportations, please ensure that all unlawful deportations are halted and that renewals of expired or cancelled identification documents are permitted and facilitated. Please ensure that this action is taken immediately to alleviate concerns surrounding the deportation deadline of October 30<sup>th</sup>, enforced on the refugees currently residing in Istanbul.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

Sierra Rae  
President  
TRU Students' Union

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Vice President Equity  
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cc. His Excellency Kerim Uras, Ambassador for Turkey