

# Thompson Rivers University Students' Union

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Director General Abdullah Ayaz  
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Ankara, Turkey

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## Mohamed Ajlani Younes, Palestinian Refugee from Syria, Risks Deportation

Dear Director,

On behalf of the Thompson Rivers University Students' Union, we insist on the immediate release of **Mohamed Ajlani Younes** from detention. Currently, **Mr Younes** is at imminent risk of deportation should he leave the Istanbul Airport, where he is currently offered sanctuary in accordance with international law. Should **Mr Younes** be deported to Lebanon, he would face dire living conditions which may **further violate his human rights**.

We are deeply concerned by reports from Amnesty International regarding **Mr Younes'** living conditions in the Istanbul Airport, as he lacks access to adequate food, natural light or open-air, privacy, or adequate medical assistance. This presents a violation of international human rights law and should the Turkish government deport him, they would be in breach of Turkey's obligations under the Refugee Convention and European Convention on Human rights (ECHR).

We ask that you ensure **Mr Younes** is provided with proper representation so that his requests for protection against the risk of new deportations are handled swiftly to allow for his transfer into safer living conditions. Should this not be met, then **Mr Younes'** life will assuredly be placed in danger. Furthermore, we call on you to protect him and others in the transit zone of Istanbul Airport from any decisions that may expose them to serious human rights violations.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sierra Rae".

Sierra Rae  
President  
TRU Students' Union

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brandon Hayashi".

Brandon Hayashi  
Vice President Equity  
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cc. His Excellency Kerim Uras and Süleyman Arslan.