

# RSTP Bulletin

## The Detention of Asylum Seekers in the Mediterranean Region, Global Detention Project Background-er, April 2015

The Global Detention Project – a non-profit research centre based in Geneva—has recently released a report on detention practices and policies in the Mediterranean region. With the objective of highlighting the vulnerability of detained refugees and migrants, the report documents the detention practices in European countries (Greece, Italy, Malta and Spain) and North African states (Libya, Tunisia, Egypt and Morocco). The document reveals that the protection environment across all the countries in the region is concerning . While the conditions of detained asylum seekers in North African countries “are often horrific and inhumane” , there are a lot of “ short comings “ with detentions by European countries. To read more, [click here](#):



### Syrian Journey: Choose your own escape route

Based on extensive research and documented real life stories, BBC has put an interactive tool that assist readers in understanding the es-

cape route of Syrian refugees. The tool ask you to put yourself in the shoes of Syrian refugees and take their journeys to safety and experience their real life dilemmas . Even though the tool is written in the context of Syrian refugees, the hazardous journeys that refugees go through in order to reach a safe haven are widely shared by other refugees. Take the journeys of refugees by going to :

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-32057601>



## Available VORs

### VOR 101

The PA is a single( 33 yrs), divorced male to female transgender person. He had a relationship with a woman while in the military and married her as a formality because she was pregnant. The PA has a daughter who resides with her mother. The applicant is currently unemployed and would benefit from the help of a sponsor for moral support. The PA fears that if he returns to his home country, he will face persecution on the grounds of his sexual orientation. ***NOTE: NOT travel ready (medicals pending). Possi-***

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### **VOR 047**

The PA is a 22 year old male of Kayah descent. He speaks English and has experience as a teacher. The PA's community was targeted by the government who ordered them to relocate. Due to continued hardships, the family fled to Thailand.

During his time in the

camp, the PA has completed his secondary education and currently teaches at the community college. The PA believes that, because of ongoing ethnic conflicts in Myanmar, he cannot return. He fears for his safety and security if he returns. NOTE: NOT travel-ready (medicals pending).

### **VOR 094**

The PA is a 40 year old Eritrean woman who speaks some English. She fled Eritrea after her husband deserted the military national service, and she was imprisoned for not disclosing her husband's whereabouts. The PA managed to obtain the release document, and a few weeks later she left her country illegally as she feared that she would be imprisoned again. After fleeing, the PA continued to experience violence and torture before arriving in Egypt in 2011. She cannot return to her home country for fear of illegally leaving Eritrea. The PA has not seen her husband since her imprisonment and she does not know his whereabouts. If he were to be successfully traced, she would like to be reunited with him in the country of resettlement. NOTE: NOT travel-ready, possible OYW for husband

### **VOR 098**

The PA is a divorced Iraqi woman of Arab descent. She has a Master's degree in Computer Science and has experience working as a secretary. The PA was married but was in a dysfunctional relationship, where she was mistreated. After divorcing, she gained custody of her three children but was stigmatized in her community and continued to face problems as a single mother. The PA arrived in Lebanon in 2009 to pursue a Master's degree; her 19 year old daughters joined her in 2011. The PA is a woman at risk and cannot return to Iraq for fear of her safety. NOTE: NOT travel-ready

## Upcoming Events

### **Workshop Title: Refugee Event**

**Date:** Sunday, May 10, 2015

**Time:** 3:00 – 5:00pm

**Location:** 70 Simpson Ave, Toronto, Ont

**Registration:** RSVP with Yosief Araya at [yaraya@rstp.ca](mailto:yaraya@rstp.ca) or 1-877-290-1701, ext. 402

### **2015 National SAH Conference**

**Building together, learning from each other !**

**Date:** May 24-26, 2015

**Location:** Radisson Hotel Winnipeg Downtown, 288 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, MB

For more information, contact us via [conference@rstp.ca](mailto:conference@rstp.ca)

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### **CCS Spring Consultation Conference**

**Home, Dignity and Human Rights**

**Date:** 21-23 May 2015,

**Location:** Radisson Hotel Winnipeg Downtown, 288 Portage Avenue

- See the [provisional Consultation program](#) and [workshop descriptions](#).
- If you are with a CCR member organization, [register here](#).
- If you are not with a CCR member organization, [register here](#).