



EP Delegation on Refugees from Syria in Jordan:(recorded on Tuesday 12/02) - visit to a Syrian refugee family in Al Mafrq - statement by Juan Fernando LOPEZ AGUILAR (S&D, ES), Head of the EP Delegation

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A delegation of four MEPs of the Committee of Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs has traveled to Jordan this week to meet the refugees who fled the conflict in Syria. The aim of this visit is to assess the refugee crisis and to evaluate the help that can be offered by the EU. There, the delegation could visit some families in the refugee's camps and the urban registration centre in Irbid. The delegation visits the area in this moment that Jordan is receiving, according to a report of the UN Refugee Agency, a massive increase of refugee arrivals: more than 242,000 Syrians are registered or awaiting registration in Jordan, and the daily number is expected to increase steadily. In an EP debate on 12 December 2012, MEPs called on the EU to show solidarity and come to the aid of Syrian refugees, instead of leaving all of them to Syria's neighbours. So far, the numbers of applications have remained relatively moderate in the EU. However, the EC has encouraged member states to consider assigning places within their national quotas to refugees originating from Syria.



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00:00:00	Title	00:00:05
00:00:05	General views during the meeting with international organisations (4 shots)	00:00:37
00:00:42	00.42 SOUNDBITE (English) Juan Fernando LOPEZ AGUILAR (S&D, ES) Head of Delegation This is a drama that has exploded with an at most intensity and tragedy, costing thousands of thousands of lives, and displacing hundreds of thousands. We are proud to be European members of the Parliament, representing the EU, which is deploying cooperation, effort here, but we are also proud to praise the efforts by the Jordanian authorities, to host so many, to make their best, to provide cooperation and good will, with international organisations and NGO's which are also playing an important role , providing food, schooling, healthcare, humanitarian and psychological care for those in need and despair. It's a lot of work, and still much remain to be done in the foreseeable future.	00:01:03

00:01:45	SOUNDBITE (English) Juan Fernando LOPEZ AGUILAR (S&D, ES) Head of Delegation We are here to responds for the humanitarian aspects, but also to appeal to the political responsibility of those who have the power to stop the blood spread, and face the brutality of the Bashar regime.	00:00:21
00:02:06	EP delegation walking in the camp, spooking with UNHCR and NGO's representatives (3 shots)	00:00:17
00:02:23	General views during the meeting with international organisations (4 shots)	00:00:19
00:02:42	Car vies on he way to the Thnebe border crossing , Yamouk River, natural border (3 shots)	00:00:18
00:03:00	Syrian village view from the Jordanian border.	00:00:07
00:03:07	Jordanien border, surveillance post (2 shots)	00:00:09
00:03:16	Border control frigate in the Yamouk River (2 shots)	00:00:11
00:03:27	SOUNDBITE (English) Judith SARGENTINI (Greens/EFA, NL) This is sadness. If you look at old woman carrying back packs and a lot of kits, and slowly walking to the border, they maybe are walking for days in Syria, now they are reaching the Jordanian border, t least they are safe, but they will be living in refugee camp, or at someone's house, in small rooms in cities, and most probably in poverty. They have the wish to go back home, and the crises in Syria not ending up at all.	00:00:33
00:04:00	Cutaway, view on the Yamouk River	00:00:03
00:04:03	SOUNDBITE (English) Judith SARGENTINI (Greens/EFA, NL) The EU is a big sponsor of the UNHCR, OIM, and other international organisations and NGO's that are working here . What we want to see is if it works, and also where we can fill in the gaps . One plead that cope out up and clear was: 'Don't stop paying us, because, ad one man ion the camp told me to, sometimes they only have a supply of food for only 2 days, for the camp. And if you have a camp of 70.000 people and you're not sure you can feed them in three days time , it is clear , on the essence that the international community, the EU, keeps founding them"	00:00:45
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