

I am writing to express my deep concern that about 80 Syrian refugees who were held in Erzurum Removal Centre are believed to have been deported to Syria since 18 November, and are at risk of serious human rights violations there.

I urge you to immediately halt any further forcible returns of any asylum-seekers or refugees held in Erzurum Removal Centre.

I further urge you to immediately release the remaining detained asylum-seekers and refugees and grant them status in your country.

I also urge you to start a prompt, independent and impartial investigation into the circumstances of the deportation of the 80 refugees and asylum-seekers, which was in violation of Turkish and international law.

Sincerely yours,