

I am writing this to express my grave concern for Syrian refugee Hassan al-Kontar who is at imminent risk of deportation to Syria. He was arrested on 1 October at Kuala Lumpur International Airport in Malaysia where he had been stranded since March. If the deportation goes ahead he will be at risk of grave human rights abuse.

Please remind that returning him to Syria would violate the international principle of non-refoulement, which states that any governments should not deport persons to places where they may be at risk of serious human rights violations.

Amnesty International's research in Syria has revealed widespread and systematic human rights violations including the use of torture, extrajudicial executions, and enforced disappearances of individuals perceived to oppose the Syrian government.

So I urge you not to deport Hassan al-Kontar back to Syria under any circumstances in accordance with your international obligation.

I also urge you to ensure that he has full access to remedies that guarantee his safety.

Last but not the least, I urge you to ensure he is granted access to his lawyer and UNHCR representatives, and that his conditions of detention are in line with international standards.

Thank you for your prompt attention to the above.

Sincerely yours,