

URGENT ACTION

REFUGEES FORCIBLY RETURNED TO GAZA STRIP

The two Palestinian refugees from Syria were forcibly returned to the Gaza Strip.

The Egyptian authorities had been preparing to deport the two men, **K. S.** and **A. A.**, to either Syria or Gaza. The two men had been living in Syria but fled to Gaza to escape the crisis there. They tried to leave Gaza in October 2014 because of Israel's military offensive codenamed Operation Protective Edge, but were arrested when they tried to enter Egypt via the Rafah crossing.

Less than two weeks after being transferred to a "guarded room" in Cairo International Airport, where they were already detained, they were forcibly returned to the Gaza Strip in the early morning of 23 December.

Amnesty International spoke to one of the men, **K. S.**, who said he was grateful for the organization's action and thanked Amnesty International's members and supporters for their help and support, despite the outcome.

No further action is requested from the UA network. Many thanks to all who sent appeals.

This is the first update of UA: 312/14. Further information: <http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/MDE12/069/2014/en>

Names: **K. S.** and **A. A.**

Gender m/f: m

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