

## REPATRIATE THE CHILDREN - INTERNATIONAL CALLS FOR THE IMMEDIATE EVACUATION OF CHILDREN FROM DETENTION CAMPS IN NORTHEAST SYRIA



**(DENMARK, 12 December 2022)** With the recent escalating conflict from drones and fighter jets with increasing military and civilian casualties, Repatriate the Children International is calling for the immediate evacuation and repatriation of thousands of children imperiled in the prison camps of Northeast Syria.

For years, humanitarian organizations and international institutions have warned of the dire humanitarian crisis in the prison camps in Northeast Syria, where thousands are arbitrarily detained in torture-like living conditions. Action is now more urgent than ever to secure the safety of thousands of innocent children in immediate danger.

Children in al-Hol and al-Roj camps live with the sound of fighter jets and drones, a tent providing their only protection against an aerial attack. There is nowhere to hide or take shelter as their potential attackers fly overhead.

The recent escalating violence has prompted some local and international organizations to suspend their operations in at least one of the camps. Meanwhile, persisting attacks threaten the lives of the children inside.

Repatriate the Children - International urges states to bring home their citizens now before it is too late.

*Repatriate the Children is a children's rights organization that raises awareness of children detained in northeast Syria and contributes to knowledge-based decision-making where humanitarian principles, rule of law, and global security are united and upheld. RTC operates with three autonomous national branches - Denmark, U.S., and Sweden - and has been an integral actor since the first cases of repatriations of foreign citizens by Western countries. RTC advocates for the children languishing in these camps in northeast Syria, supports families awaiting their return and collaborates with the international community to bring these home.*

