



Rethink Rebuild Society

The voice of the Syrian Community of Manchester

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Quadriplegic Syrian refugee pleading for safety of the UK

Khaldoon Sinjab, a quadriplegic Syrian refugee able to move only his tongue and dependent upon electricity to live, is desperate to find safety abroad. Currently in Lebanon where electricity is cut off for 12 hours a day, he is looking for any way to leave the country to live a stable life. He says: *"I have faced the most dangerous situations of my life here in Lebanon (more than when I was in Syria)"*.

As the Syrian community within the UK, we are demanding our Government to provide asylum for Khaldoon and his family.

Khaldoon has worked miracles with his tongue and provides for his family through work on the internet. He has written about his own case at the following link:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1OkRPutg9DXjoEP00yG1Ct8MQMpQYEUaR3hEyWjXBO8>

Videos on his condition can also be found at the following links:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YkM3nVTkFnE&feature=youtu.be>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HLm1Jmheumk&feature=youtu.be>

Khaldoon was escorted out of Syria by the Syrian Red Crescent in 2013 when the situation in his home town of Ain Tarma became very dangerous. He and his family were accepted in February 2014 by the UNHCR resettlement programme. Two months later, they were refused asylum in Canada and were subsequently dropped out of the UNHCR database in July 2015 - all for unknown reasons.

Khaldoon's special needs make it unacceptable for him to remain without protection. He says: *"My dependence on both Electricity and Internet to survive makes Lebanon a country that can't provide even the basic needs for my survival. All I want is an adequate environment to breath and live."*

Khaldoon's message is:

"My family and myself are very tired here. As a family with exceptional special needs, we really need a break. We need to feel normal and safe. As a quadriplegic and ventilator-dependent patient, I shouldn't be left alone like this. I'm desperate and I don't know where to go or what to do. Please I need help".

Mr. Sinjab is available for interview through Skype, Viber, or WhatsApp.

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Rethink Rebuild Society has established itself as a non-profit organisation that acts as an umbrella for the Syrian community in Manchester, and endeavours to clarify the Syrian cause to its audience in the UK and the wider public.