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AOHR UK Calls on EU Countries Not to Use Asylum Seekers in their Political Turmoil

More than 2,000 <u>asylum seekers</u> and migrants are still stranded on Poland-Belarus borders for several weeks after Polish authorities refused to let them in.

The situation is particularly acute for mothers and children stuck in the extreme cold weather and freezing temperatures without any humanitarian or medical aid.

Their numbers have unprecedentedly risen over the past few weeks amid tension between Belarus and Poland.

Poland says it has stopped attempts by the large group to enter the country, accusing Belarus of pushing migrants to the border.

Arab Organisation for Human Rights in the UK (<u>AOHR UK</u>) stresses that there are many reasons that forced those people to flee their homes seeking a better and safe life in a different country.

People from <u>Yemen</u> are fleeing a Saudi-led war on their country that resulted in the world's worst humanitarian crisis, according to the United Nations. <u>Syrians</u> are also forced to leave home to flee conflict, persecution, and serious human rights violations such as torture in Syrian regime prisons. Iraqis also leave home for being targeted for their ethnic, sectarian, and political affiliation.

AOHR UK calls on European Union (EU) countries not to use the asylum seekers and migrants in their political turmoil and to abide by international law and resolutions relating to the <u>Status of Refugees</u>.

AOHR UK stresses the urgent need to take into consideration the humanitarian situation of hundreds of asylum seekers and their legitimate rights to join their families in destination countries.

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