



June 2017

Take action for Ahmed H

Hungary

Population: 9.8 million

Capital: Budapest

Language: Hungarian is the most widely spoken language

Question: Which countries share a border with Hungary?



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AHMED'S STORY



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Ahmed is a 40-year-old builder/decorator, who lives in Cyprus with his wife and two young daughters.

Ahmed's elderly parents, his brother, his sister-in-law and his four nieces and nephews had to flee their homes in Syria because of the Syrian war.

Ahmed left his home in Cyprus and went to help them as they travelled from Syria to Europe to find a safe country to live in.

People seeking safety in a different country to their own are called refugees.

On 16 September 2015 Ahmed and his family arrived at a border between two European countries, Serbia and Hungary. They found that the Hungarian government had built a fence to stop refugees entering Hungary.

Many refugees were at the border. Some attempted to get through the fence. Hungary's police responded with tear gas and water cannon, injuring dozens. Some people threw stones, including Ahmed. News footage also shows Ahmed using a megaphone to call on both sides to remain calm.

Ahmed was arrested by Hungarian police and was sentenced to 10 years in prison on a number of charges, including "an act of terror" for using the megaphone and for throwing stones.

Ahmed's wife and daughters still live in Cyprus, where Ahmed wishes to return.

Ahmed has asked for an appeal which means that a court looks at his case again. The first court hearing for Ahmed's appeal is on 15 June 2017.

Right in the Spotlight



ARTICLE 14

“If we are frightened of being badly treated in our own country, we all have the right to run away to another country to be safe.”

Universal Declaration of Human Rights Simplified Version

TALKING POINTS

- What does it mean to feel ‘safe’? Where do you feel safe? What would you do if you felt unsafe?
- What does it mean to be a ‘refugee’? How should people treat refugees?
- What would you have done if you were in Ahmed’s situation? What do you think should have happened to Ahmed following his arrest in 2015?



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“I wish Daddy could come back to Cyprus.”

Fatima, Ahmed’s daughter

Click on the picture to watch the video.

Take Action!



We take action for people all over the world, like Ahmed, who have had their rights taken away from them. We do this through solidarity actions and appeal actions.

What does solidarity action mean? Solidarity actions are sent to the people who have had their human rights taken away, and to their family and friends, to let them know that people are supporting them in their struggle for justice.

What does appeal action mean? Appeal actions are to make people in power sit up and take notice of a cause that you care about. Amnesty is made up of ordinary people across the world standing up for humanity and human rights. Your voice helps to ensure that when we speak, governments listen.



Take solidarity action

Draw a picture of a place where you feel safe.

Tell Ahmed about you and your family, and where you feel safe.

Let Ahmed know that you wish he is reunited with his family soon.

We are sending your messages of solidarity to the prison where Ahmed is being held. We hope that this will give him some warmth and strength, and we also want to show the prison officers that we care about him.



Take appeal action

We are writing letters to the Hungarian government.

We do not believe that it was fair to convict Ahmed of “an act of terror” for what he did when he was trying to help his family.

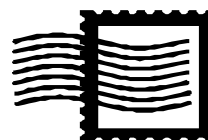
We want the Hungarian government to ensure Ahmed receives a fair appeal and to allow him to return home to Cyprus. We also want them to recognise the rights of refugees.

Dear the Hungarian government,

Explain what you know about Ahmed’s case.

Urge them to help ensure Ahmed receives a fair appeal and ask them to allow Ahmed to return home to Cyprus.

Remind them of the importance of feeling safe, and urge them to recognise the rights of refugees.



CAN I?



Send a religious card or message



Mention Amnesty International



Include my full name and address.
(You can add your first name if you wish.)



Send your letters and cards to us and we will forward them on:

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Don't forget to include your name and the name of your school with your cards and letters (but not on the cards themselves).

Junior Urgent Action Cover Letter

Please include this with any items you submit

Name of teacher/guardian submitting these items:

Are you a: ☐ Teacher
☐ Parent

Email:

School name:

School address:

Home address:

Number of items included in this envelope:

Please can you tell us the following?

How many young people did you use these resources with?

If a teacher, which year groups did you use these resources with?

How would you rate the quality of these resources? (Tick one box)

☐ 5 excellent ☐ 4 ☐ 3 ☐ 2 ☐ 1 poor

Any other comments?

☐ Tick if you would like to join our Teachrights e-newsletter which is a great way to receive info on future educational packs.

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