Lives wagered on rough seas

Without us, refugees can experience dangerous gaps in vital aid. With us, they can get the all-round, practical assistance and protection they so desperately need.
Desperate refugees embarked on a dangerous journey
別無選擇 眾多難民冒險橫渡危險海域

In Africa and the Middle East, countless homes are destroyed in conflicts. Desperate refugees from countries such as Syria, Afghanistan, Eritrea, Somalia and Nigeria struggle to survive by travelling on rough seas to the relatively peaceful European regions including Italy, Spain and Greece. According to the UNHCR’s statistics, there was a significant increase in the number of refugees who took dangerous sea journeys to Europe, from over 210,000 people in 2014 to more than 130,000 people in only the first half of 2015, in which 2,000 went missing or dead.

非洲及中東不少地區衝突頻繁，無數家園被硝煙摧毀，不少難民流離失所。為了掙扎求存，他們被逼棄離安逸，乘坐小船遊到鄰近的意大利、西班牙及希臘等安全地區，希望尋找一線生機。內戰與衝突不斷，對敘利亞、阿富汗、厄立特里亞、索馬里及尼日利亞的人民影響深遠，亦迫使更多平民冒險橫渡危險海域。根據聯合國統計數字，難民跨越危險海峽逃到歐洲的人數於2014年開始急速上升，人數超過21萬，而2015上半年已超過13萬，預計數字會超越去年紀錄。當中，於逃難中途死亡及失蹤的人口約2,000人。
Brave survivors 勇敢的倖存者

Doaa is a 19-year-old aspiring student with dreams for the future. The four-year war in Syria caused her to drift from place to place, but still she had strong faith and hope for life ahead, as she was with her fiancé, Bassem, also a refugee. For this young couple, the only way to peace was through a dark and perilous portion of the sea across the Mediterranean. They gave their life savings in exchange for a place on the small boat, staking everything they owned in a risk no more certain than a throw of the dice.

A few days after the boat set sail, there was growing fear and panic on board. A run-down and rusty boat came close and refugees were demanded to shift to this boat against their will. When some of them determinedly refused, the smugglers rammed a hole in the small boat to vent their anger. "I heard people screaming, water rushing in and a child sucked into the propeller under the deck," said Doaa, who was lucky enough to hold on to a life ring. Over 100 survivors stayed together and prayed for rescue for days and nights. A drifting journey for four days, some drowned, while some simply lost hope and took off their life vests, including Bassem. Two refugees handed their baby to Doaa before they drowned. A Palestinian approached with his nine-month-old granddaughter, Malek. "Please take the baby," he said. "I am very tired." Then he gave up and let the sea take his life. Eventually, a passing merchant ship saw them and rescued them.

Doaa’s story has been reported by the Greek media. She was awarded by a respectable institution, the Academy of Athens, for her courage. But her story is just the tip of the iceberg of the hundreds of thousands of refugees facing the same situation, trying to escape from wars only to find out that they are now in an even more dangerous situation.

Proposals for action 聯合國難民署與希臘攜手 積極拯救生命

The number of refugees who escape by sea routes is drastically rising. The Greek government is facing a historic refugee crisis that poses a steep financial burden. As of June 2016, close to 80,000 refugees were registered in Greece. 60% of them came from Syria, while the rest of them were from Afghanistan, Iraq, Eritrea and Somalia. In view of the influx of refugees, UNHCR has promptly taken action in response to the critical situation, including:

1. Providing drinking water, energy food, sleeping bags and hygiene products to the rescued refugees from the sea;
2. Additional UNHCR staff has already been deployed to five locations in the Eastern Aegean, to provide advice and assistance to new arrivals and care for unaccompanied children and people with specific needs;
3. An implementing partner, METAction, has made intermediaries available to speed up the registration process.

Additionally, local enterprises, NGOs, and volunteers are generously offering assistance to the refugees by delivering food, water, clothing and basic medical supplies to the gathering point of refugees.

UNHCR is grateful for all actions the Greek government and individual volunteers have taken. The scale and severity of the situation, however, presents a pressing need to expand the actions to other European countries in order to cope with the growing need. UNHCR will strengthen collaborations with the EU and other local organizations to improve the system of receiving refugees and providing basic assistance.

19歲的Doaa是一位充滿夢想與抱負的學生。可惜敘利亞四年來的內戰迫使她與家人過著顛沛流離的流亡生活。但她仍然對人生及將來充滿希望，因為她與同是難民的未婚夫Bassem互相扶持。為了逃離內戰，敘利亞逃難的風險極高，但在別無選擇的情況下，兩人只好踏上破舊的漁船，冒險橫渡地中海。為了活下去，為了將來，他們唯有集一生積蓄交給船員，以生命作賭注。

在茫茫大海過了數天，他們漸感到茫然與憂心。此時一艘生鏽的船靠近，難民被勒令轉乘船隻，當難民拒絕時，船員一怒之下便把小艇破破，也不管有300人被困在船的底層。Doaa說：「海水立即涌入船身開始下沉，有小孩被海水吞噬，兩名難民被洪水吞噬。」在大海中，兩名難民被救生圈的Doaa和約100名難民相聚在一起，奮力求生並祈求得到拯救。在海中漂浮的四日內，不少人因長時間無法動彈而耗盡了力量，亦有人如Bassem一樣，絕望地跳下船身求救失敗，最後沉入深海之中。最後，他們在海上漂浮了多天，最終被一艘經過的商船救起。

Doaa 給難民的事件獲布希爾參與媒體報導，更獲得當地最受尊崇的機構Academy of Athens頒發獎項以表揚她的勇氣。她的故事只是冰山一角，警察兼我們世上仍有多千萬萬的難民面對著相同的問題，為逃避戰火而墜入更危險的處境。

難民逃難潮威脅到歐洲的人數顯著上升，令希臘政府面臨史無前例的難民危機，經濟支出變得沉重。截至今年6月，希臘已近8萬名難民進行抵岸登記，當中近6成難民來自敘利亞，其餘來自阿富汗、伊拉克、厄立特里亞、索馬里等正在發生衝突的國家。面對著大批難民涌入，聯合國難民署即時展開應對工作以回應當前的緊急危機，包括：

1. 為獲救的難民提供基本生活用品包括糧食、水、食物、睡袋及衛生用品；
2. 派駐聯合國難民署工作人員到愛琴海東部五個地點，為新抵達者提供協助及意見，並照顧沒有親人陪同的兒童及有特別需要的人；
3. 與當地合作夥伴METAction合作，調動翻譯員到國際各個難民抵岸地點，加快登記程序。

此外，希臘當地企業、民間團體及志願人士亦慷慨相助收集糧食、食水、衣服及基本醫療用品，並運送難民聚居的地方派發。

聯合國難民署感謝希臘政府及人民對難民問題的支援。不過隨著需求不斷增長，這些措施必須擴大至各個歐洲國家。難民署將與歐盟成員國和其他當地機構加強合作，改善接待和庇護制度，令難民於歐洲得到保護及基本所需，令生命得到保障。
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今年4月至5月期間，尼泊爾先後發生兩次強烈地震，不但令數千名居民喪生及受傷，更令百萬戶失去家居，生活成了重大問題。在國家缺乏金錢及資源下，重建步伐非常緩慢。

家裡經營民宿的Nayantra在當地震後，迅速聚集她的朋友於民宿商討救援行動，並自發性組成團隊——喜瑪拉雅山救援義工隊。他們本著熟悉當地環境，快速繪製尼泊爾受災村落的地面及標示最嚴重的受災地區，分別為民衆及救援團隊提供所需的資料，讓救援行動可以迅速而準確地展開。

聯合國難民署仍積極與義工隊合作，繼續為尼泊爾重建工作一同努力。
Militants’ unanticipated attacks tore a Nigerian family apart: Ibrahim, a severely injured ten-year-old, remembered vividly the scene in which his father was cruelly murdered. While Ibrahim was crying and running towards his father, one of the insurgents suddenly took out his machete and hit the boy in the head, leaving him unconscious. Two days later, his elder sister went back the scene with hope in her heart, and discovered Ibrahim lying under a pile of sand. She carried him to a medical station immediately and saved his life. Ibrahim recovered after a four-month medical treatment.

Ibrahim and his family now live in a refugee camp which provides shelter to countless families that went through the same nightmare as Ibrahim did. Physical wounds might heal with time, but trauma will never.

武裝分子突如其來的襲擊，令尼日利亞的小家庭破碎不堪。只有十歲的Ibrahim深刻記得當日父親在眼前被殺的情景，他哭著走向父親身邊，旋即被一名武裝分子提起來並用刀砍向頭部致他處處昏迷。兩天後，他的姐姐懷著一絲希望回到現場，卻發現他被埋在沙下卻仍然活著，旋即背著他奔往救護站，Ibrahim的傷情終於活了下來，經過四個多月的治療始康復出院。

現在Ibrahim一家與難民營中生活，營內居住了無數和他們有類似經歷的家庭，他們身上的傷口會因時間而癒合，但傷心與精神上的傷痛或者這生也無法絕滅。

**The young boy who survived a life-and-death struggle**

小小年紀經歷生死的一線間

**Jung Woo-sung’s generous support comforts refugees’ broken hearts**

鄭雨盛為難民送上溫暖

UNHCR appointed South Korean actor Jung Woo-sung as a celebrity supporter in May 2014. Jung has been actively supporting UNHCR’s projects. In 2014, he visited the refugee camp in Nepal to learn more about the suffering of refugees from Bhutan. He also participated in the filming of a short video clip to raise public awareness of the crisis happening in Syria.

This year, during his visit to war-torn South Sudan, Jung Woo-sung met Samson at the Ajoung Thok Refugee Camp. This 21-year-old refugee said, “I attended the journalism and photography course provided by UNHCR. I always wanted to be a renowned journalist, to tell the whole world how hard the people from Nuba Mountain are fighting to survive wars and conflicts.” Wars tear countless families apart. All Samson can do for now is to miss and pray for his family, who are still trapped inside the conflict zone.

聯合國難民署於 2014 年 5 月委任韓國影星——鄭雨盛成為聯合國難民署親善大使，他積極支持及參與難民署的工作，在同年探訪尼泊爾難民營，了解不少難民的情況，也拍攝短片呼籲公眾關注敘利亞難民危機。

今年，鄭雨盛前往內戰嚴重的南蘇丹。在Ajoung Thok難民營內，認識了一位於 2014年因逃難內戰到此尋求庇護的Samson，只有21歲的年輕難民表示：「我參加了聯合國難民署舉辦的新聞及攝影課程，我希望將來能成為一名出色的記者，讓世界各地知道我們巴族人正在面對內戰的困難。」內戰衝突拆散了無數家庭，Samson每日只能思念仍被困於衝突區的家人。
The 8th Refugee Film Festival - True stories told on the big screen

第八屆難民電影節 —— 以影像訴說難民真實故事

The week-long Refugee Film Festival was launched by UNHCR at Broadway Cinemateque on 19th June, 2015. Seven documentaries and films adapted from true stories were screened, attracting more than 1,000 ticket holders to be inspired by stories of the refugees. The movies “The Good Lie”, “The Refugees of Shangri-La”, and “Mary Meets Mohammad” impressed many of our viewers, who learned more about refugee issues in different countries and pledged to pay close attention to UNHCR’s works throughout the world. We are very thankful for all kinds of participation and generous support from our sponsors, including Pak Fah Yeow International Ltd., Karrie International Holdings Limited and Leo Paper Group.

On Tuesday 23rd June, the UNHCR’s Representative for the People’s Republic of China Mr. Michele Manca di Nassa hosted a cocktail reception and film-screening event at the Conrad Macao to celebrate World Refugee Day 2015. It was first event of its kind in the Macao SAR, and was attended by top officials and representatives from the Macao SAR Government, country consulates and local civil society groups. They were later joined by a group of schoolchildren for the screening of “In the Shadow of War”, a film that tells the story of four young survivors of the Bosnian war and how they continue to contend with both the physical and mental scars from the conflict.

聯合國難民署於2015年6月19日，於百老匯電影中心舉行為期一星期的難民電影節，並提供七部難民電影包括紀錄片及改編自真實故事的劇情片，超過1,000名人士到場觀看。參與者均表示非常喜歡《玫瑰命運的論章》、《來自香格里拉的難民》及《當瑪莉遇上穆罕默德》的電影主題；影片不但令他們了解現實中不同國家的難民情況，同時他們承認會繼續關注難民情況及支持聯合國難民署的工作。本屆難民電影節得以順利完成，我們衷心感謝所有參與者及贊助商包括白花油國際有限公司、嘉利國際控股有限公司及利奧紙品印刷集團的支持。

此外，聯合國難民署於6月23日首次於澳門舉行一場慶祝酒會暨電影放映活動。當日活動由聯合國難民署駐華代表卡曼迪尼薩先生主持，並獲得澳門政府官員、國家領事館人員、當地民間團體及學者出席支持。

UNHCR would like to thank all the sponsors and supporters for making the events possible.

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Major refugee-hosting countries | end-2014
2014年接收最多難民的國家

![Bar chart showing top-3, top-5, and top-10 countries hosting refugees.]

1. Turkey 土耳其
2. Pakistan 巴基斯坦
3. Lebanon 黎巴嫩
4. Islamic Rep. of Iran 伊朗
5. Ethiopia 埃塞俄比亞
6. Jordan 約旦
7. Kenya 肯尼亞
8. Chad 查德
9. Uganda 奧干達
10. China 中國

*(In millions 百萬)*

Top-3: 30%
Top-5: 41%
Top-10: 57%

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Major source countries of refugees | end-2014
2014年難民主要來源國

![Bar chart showing top-3, top-5, and top-10 countries of origin for refugees.]

1. Syrian Arab Rep. 敘利亞
2. Afghanistan 阿富汗
3. Somalia 索馬里
4. Sudan 南蘇丹
5. South Sudan 南蘇丹
7. Myanmar 緬甸
9. Iraq 伊拉克
10. Eritrea 埃里特里亞

*(In millions 百萬)*

Top-3: 53%
Top-5: 62%
Top-10: 77%

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As the number of refugees worldwide continues to grow, support for humanitarian rescue is urgently needed. According to the latest UNHCR annual Global Trends Report, the total number of people who have displaced has reached 59.5 million, with an 8.3 million increase compared to last year. Syria, which has been rocked by civil war for four years now, has overtaken Afghanistan as the greatest source country of refugees for the first time. Syria’s neighbor, Turkey, has turned into the biggest refugee-hosting country in the world. Other than the refugees seeking asylum in other countries, those internally displaced are also forced to constantly run for their lives. But they are merely running from one deadly war zone to another. Facing a record-breaking number of people who are displaced across the globe, UNHCR desperately needs your support to tackle this biggest challenge ever, in order to make a difference in the lives of the refugees.

全球難民人數持續上升，人道救援工作極需公眾的支持。最新的《全球趨勢報告》顯示，全球流離失所人數高達5,950萬，比去年增加830萬。報告同時指出，敘利亞首次超越阿富汗成為難民主要來源國。當地四年來的內戰令難民人數於2012年開始大幅上升，大批敘利亞難民遊離至鄰近地區——土耳其，這亦令當地成為接收最多難民的國家。除了已離開自己國家，正在外尋尋覓覓的難民外，不少平民仍困於國內而流離失所，他們在人生安全備受威脅下不斷流離，但事實上只是由一個戰區遷移到另一個戰區，情況令人憂慮。全球流離失所人士達到歷史高峰，聯合國難民署的工作被受挑戰，要為難民生活帶來改變，您的支持非常重要。