

American Child Repatriated from Syrian Camp Housing IS Affiliates

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The United States has repatriated an American child from the al-Hol camp in northeastern Syria, a facility known for housing individuals with alleged ties to the Islamic State (IS). According to the U.S. State Department, the child, who had been separated from their family, will now be reunited with relatives in the United States.

Al-Hol, located near Syria's border with Iraq, holds an estimated 30,000 people from around 70 countries, most of whom are women and children linked to IS fighters. Conditions in the camp have drawn international concern, with human rights organizations documenting years of overcrowding, poor sanitation, and sporadic violence. The camp is overseen by the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF), a Kurdish-led militia backed by the U.S. and regarded as a critical partner in countering IS remnants in the region.

The State Department did not disclose the child's identity or specific circumstances, only stating that the minor "has known nothing of life outside of the camps." It emphasized that repatriation is the most viable solution to the ongoing humanitarian and security concerns facing displaced persons in northeastern Syria.

The U.S. government continues to encourage other nations to take responsibility for their citizens still residing in al-Hol and the smaller Roj Camp. While Iraq has made progress in this area, many Western countries have been slow to act, citing security risks and political sensitivities.

"The only durable solution to the humanitarian and security crisis in these displaced persons camps in northeast Syria is for countries of origin to repatriate, rehabilitate, reintegrate, and where appropriate, ensure accountability for their nationals," the State Department said. The statement also highlighted the need for similar actions regarding former IS fighters detained in regional facilities.

A separate development earlier this year saw the SDF and Syria's interim leadership under President Ahmad al-Sharaa agree to repatriate Syrian nationals from al-Hol. This came after the removal of Bashar Assad from power in December. The United States has since supported efforts to unify Syrian governance structures, which could lead to al-Hol eventually falling under national government control.

This repatriation underscores Washington's ongoing commitment to stabilizing the region through diplomatic coordination and continued pressure on allied governments to address the complex aftermath of IS's territorial defeat.