

SCRIPT HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH ON SOMALI REFUGEES

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PRESENTATION

Swift action to help Somali refugees in Kenya.
For that the press group Human Rights Watch has called in the Kenyan capital Nairobi.
Otherwise a humanitarian emergency might occur.
More than 250,000 refugees are now staying in congested camps.
They fled the violence in their own country.
The Somali refugees are not safe in Kenya. There is hardly water or food,
and many of them are hassled by the police.
Human Rights Watch presented the results of an own survey.

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The title of the report is just as cruel as adequate.
Human Rights Watch studied Somali refugees in Kenya.
They fled their country that was destroyed after 18 years of war.
And ended up in a refugee camp in North Eastern Kenya.
This camp is built for 90,000 people, but now there are 260,000.
Still more people are coming.
Newly arrived refugees have to camp outside the official areas.
They're here even though the border with Somalia is closed.
They enter via smugglers, and in Kenya they're hassled by the police.

QUOTE GERRY SIMPSON, Human Rights Watch

***They ask asylum seekers for bribes in exchange for free onward movement to the camps.
An when asylum seekers cannot pay the bribes they arrest them.
They detain them in Kenyan police stations.***

HRW even found out that a 17-years old girls was raped by the police.
It calls on the Kenyan government to re-allow Somalis.
So they can reach the camps in a safer way.
HRW vows for two more camps in Kenya, to stop the congestion.
Costing 92 million Dollars, but only 19 million is there.
HRW is asking the international community for swift action,
Before things go wrong.

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***Los of human lives could be one consequence.
But general suffering, malnutrition, lack of acces to water, and all the health concerns that
come with that.
Exploitation of women who are seeking shelter for themselves and their children.
All of those are likely consequences.***

The camp in North Eastern Kenya is already the largest refugee settlement in the world.