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### SYRIAN REFUGEES: A GROWING CRISIS

#### VIDEO

PACKING UP TRUCK

CHILD IN WHEELCHAIR

TRAVELLING IN THE DARK

ABU ALI ON CAMERA

WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN TENT

#### AUDIO

##### NARRATION:

For weeks now they have been arriving by the thousands. (3)

On this night over 3000 Syrian refugees cross into Jordan. (4.5)

Those who can walk carry a few possessions, others help those who can't. (5)

Some arrive injured and in need of medical attention like this elderly man. (5)

Abu Ali walked ten days with his family from Damascus. (3.5)

ABU ALI: (In Arabic) M

"8 missiles were shot at us. We hid between the houses until the sun went down." (5)

##### NARRATION:

They left against their will because of death threats at home. (3)

95 year-old Hamde is one of them. (2.5)

HAMDE AL-SAFADI ON CAMERA

HAMDE AL-SAFADI: (In Arabic) F

“I never wanted to leave, but soldiers came and burnt our houses. They attacked us also from the air.” (7)

ON CAMERA

ANDREW HARPER: (In English) M

“We are likely to see entire villages probably coming over in the not too distant future.”

People are giving up hope in certain parts of Daara. Like the woman, I was just talking with, is 95 years old. Who's 95 and decides to leave the country?”

SOLDIER WITH WATER BOTTLE

NARRATION:

The new arrivals are taken to this tent set up by Jordanian border guards. Here they get basics like water and blankets, before moving to Za'atri Refugee Camp. (9.5)

REFUGEES ARRIVE AT TENT

AL-HAMAIDEH ON CAMERA

BRIG. GEN. AL-HAMAIDEH: (In Arabic) M

“They cross in our direction and we help them after they have entered our lands. We cannot intervene on another state’s soil.” (17.5)

NARRATION:

UNHCR predicts that within the coming months there could be some one million Syrian refugees crossing the borders – a growing crisis that calls for urgent support. (9.5)

ANDREW HARPER: (In English) M

ON CAMERA

“We got the capacity, we certainly have got the willingness from a very generous government, generous people. But we need to put the money into the healthcare, into the education side, into the sheltering, into the food and water...

NARRATION:

Suddenly the border lights are shut down. A border guard climbs in a watch tower - there is a security threat. (7.5)

And yet, despite the darkness, the refugees keep coming.

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