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029 Ilahn and Family Interview Transcription

Oinofyta Refugee Camp

July 1, 2016

Interviewer: At the very beginning, I should thank you for giving us your time.

And you came here to have this interview.

Ilhan: I should say we were in a region with the Taliban and the ISIS.

At night, the ISIS gave us warnings telling us that we should have raised their flags.

They warned us that they would behead us if we did not raise their flags.

And we had a number of religious threats.

We were Shia.

Tell them these again.

Interviewer: I will tell them again.

Ilhan: I hope it's good news.

Interviewer: You say it.

There is nothing to be scared of.

You say it to them.

Ilhan: We were in a region full of Taliban.

The ISIS used to come there.

We were in a distant location around Kabul.

Say that in the region where we used to live, they forced my sister, who was unable to speak, to get married to the head of the region.

For this reason, the Taliban wanted to have this.

She was unable to speak and he was unable to speak.

Their parents were elderly.

Then, they ran away.

I used to live in a city where they warned us that they would arrest us.

We escaped and came here.

And say, we don't know where their parents are.

We have no news.

They caused us terrible conditions.

It was a religious threat on one part.

On the other hand, it was a threat by the elder of the region, because we could not speak to him and ask for anything.

For example, if they asked you why you were not here, you should have said you were given a tutor.

Say for this problem we wanted to escape and leave our home country.

And we have sold all our home appliances and there is no way back.

If we go there, they will definitely behead us this time round.

Dear **translator**, say something else too.

Say that these 2 are unable to speak.

They can't speak.

She and her brother.

Say when the Taliban took the country, they told her to talk, but she couldn't speak.

She was unable to speak.

Say, we want a country that is peaceful.

The 2 that we have brought are not able to speak.

I want to live in a country that is peaceful and there is no threat.

It makes no difference whether you are a Shia or what.

We want a country in which you are free.

Say who were there from among our relatives.

The Taliban would tear away your skin while you are alive because you are a Shia.

If there are anything to say, tell them that we have these problems.

How would this happen to my children and now I am responsible for these 2 as well.

Tell him about my problem, my own children.

I have been tortured 3 times.

Then, say it is very hard.

I am a man and I am stuck in this way.

For example, how can I help my family?

I sometimes think about this.