

Character Card

Mohamed, Somalia

“I am Mohamed and I come from Somalia.

I am a member of a minority group, which is oppressed by the majority clans. Members of my group are exposed to killings, torture, rape, kidnapping for ransom, looting of land and property with impunity.

I was forced to work for 3 months in inhumane conditions with other people from minority groups, to rebuild a bridge that had been destroyed during the civil war. I was allowed to eat only once per day, worked bare-breasted and got burnt on my stomach by the cigarettes of my tormentors. One day, as a punishment, they tied me to a tree and left me that way for about 13 hours, without even water.”



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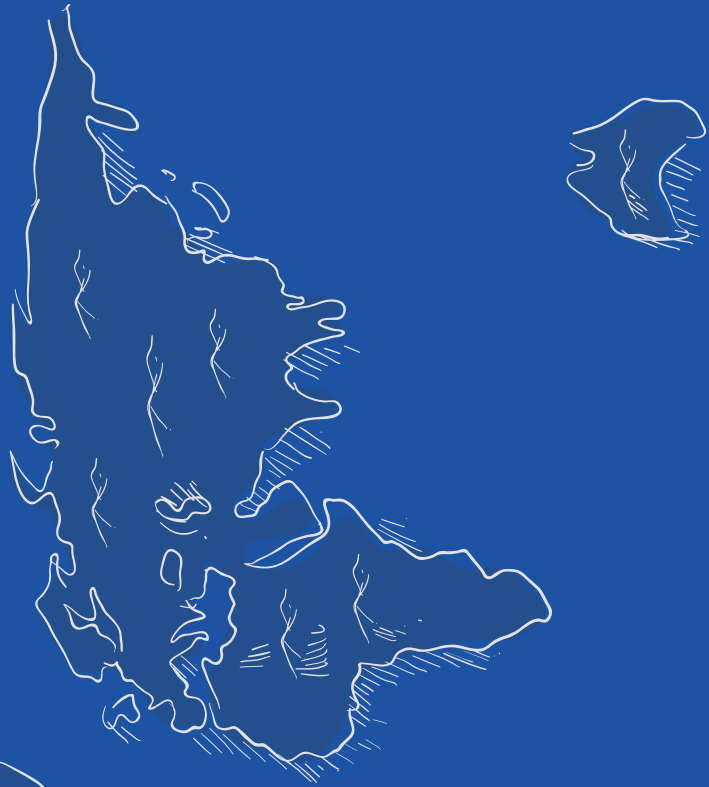
Amina, Nigeria

“I am Amina and I come from Nigeria.

I am Christian, like most of the people living in my village. A few months ago a group of jihadists of Boko Haram, a fundamentalist Islamist organisation affiliated with ISIS which is trying to take the power in the country, launched a bomb against the main church in my village, causing dozens of deaths.

Last February, militants from Boko Haram attacked a secondary school in the north-eastern town of Dapchi and kidnapped 110 girls.”





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Issa, Mali

“I am Issa and I come from Mali.

I was a goat breeder. With my wife and my four children, I went through the region to try to feed my flock. But the climate change and the lack of State intervention to combat it made it really hard to me to do so. Due to decreasing rainfall, degradation of the land and vegetation and drought, all my goats died.

So we moved to Bamako, the capital, looking for a job, but I couldn't support my family, so I left to find work.”



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Maya, Syria

“I am Maya and I come from Syria.

In my country, a war broke out in 2011 and is still being fought by several factions: President Assad and his allies, rebels, kurds, jihadist groups and ISIS. Some of these factions have been accused of using chemical weapons.

Sometimes, when we heard gunfire and no one would have gone out onto the streets, my family and I stayed in our house for days because we were afraid, with little food and water. Last month, an air strike razed my house to the ground and forced my family and me to escape.”





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Semelo, Guinea

“I am Semelo and I am from Guinea.

I am gay, but in my country homosexuality is a crime and is punished with imprisonment. I was arrested twice and got released on bail. Once I attempted suicide. My family doesn't accept me. Last month, some people knocked me down while I was walking alone on the street.”

