

First Political vs. Syria: Politics Gets Personal

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Once the First Political Committee reconvened after their lunch break, the committee tabled two topics and moved back to the Middle East. A hot area became a hotter topic when the delegates brought the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland's resolution on the refugees in the Syrian Arab Republic to the table. While most of the delegates fully supported the resolution, a few countries, specifically Nigeria, Jordan,

Djibouti, the Ivory Coast, Qatar, and Syria, were strongly against it. Those against the issue said the resolution targeted Syria when other nations in the area have similar problems. The delegate from Jordan wished for a blanket resolution, commenting that this resolution bordered on bullying Syria. The delegate from Syria explained, "The people that are focusing on Syria are saying that it is the predominant, and that's simply because *Sixty Minutes* and all the other news channels recently just filed stories so it's the new big thing." The representatives in support of the resolution fought back against the accusations of calling out Syria. The UK, the author, said, "Seeing as the problem is in Syria, it is hard to write without including their name." The delegate from the Netherlands expanded

on this with a questioning, "Would you call it the country that must not be named?" After this back and forth, the delegates progressed into an unmoderated caucus. The discussions quickly dissolved into an opinionated debate, with many of the delegates losing their inside voices. The end of the caucus cemented one fact; Syria would not support

the resolution. This saw the entrance of the argument wherein a resolution about Syria will not work if Syria will not accept it. Despite this belief, the delegates in support of the resolution, primarily Turkey and the UK, still pushed its passage. As the debate continued, it most likely will not conclude until the end of the days.