

## **2 months old Infant death in Ritsona camp: Deliberate false news and misleading the public by those involved, while prosecuting parents**

On January 28th the media after disinformation and dissemination of false news spread that the Syrian Kurdish baby from Ritsona lost his life. Parents at 10 in the morning of January 28 were brought to the police station of Chalkida on charges of child neglect.

Baby girl Noursan was born on November 26 2016 in the hospital of Chalkida. From the day of birth was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis, respiratory problems and frequently needed oxygen support. On 02/12/2016 the child entered Agia Sophia children's hospital where he was admitted for 24 days and left on 27.12.2016.

All this time from 27.12.2016 and after the baby come and go in the hospitals of Athens was hospitalized again in Paidon Agia Sofia and Aglaia Kyriakou where upon examination and after hospitalized one day returned to the 1/12/2017 in Ritsona. There he visited doctors of the Spanish Red Cross, who insisted that the child should be within the urban fabric to have easy access to the hospital. Desperate parents pressed and implored those responsible of IOM and NGOs to find them a home in Chalkida (like they did for other refugees as they had to), and they ignored them and postponed it from day to day, totally indifferent. The baby was diagnosed with congenital cystic fibrosis and needed oxygen support, which does not and did not exist in the camp of Ritsona.

On 24/01/2017 the parents contacted once again the doctors of Ritsona and finally received a written confirmation that they should be relocated immediately near the hospital (following document).

One day later, 01.25.2017, the infant was transferred from the mother due to lack of oxygen in Chalkida hospital where after the tests said they would call ambulance without informing them of where and why. The woman stayed outside clinic with the baby in his arms from 10 am to 9 pm waiting for the ambulance and all this time often bothered the doctors about the incident. The last time, she talked to a doctor who told her that the child is well without giving them further instructions. So as there was no ambulance, the mother returned to Ritsona with a taxi.

On 27/01/2017 at 10 in the morning (opening working hour for Red Cross doctors) she visited them and told them that the baby was not well and that she was told by hospital if worse to call an ambulance. In the afternoon, while the doctors departed, she kept on calling those responsible for the camp (doctors and managers from IOM and NGOs) and nobody answered. Around 1150 she called an ambulance which never arrived, so around 12 to 1215 she and her grandmother called a taxi and the grandmother transferred the infant (parents remained in the isobox in the camp under huge shock among friends, relatives and neighbors) and en route to the hospital infant passed away, two kilometers before arriving.

It is significant that all this time that parents experiencing this discomfort in Athens and Chalkida hospitals having also another two minor children, no translators for the longest time, no money and food, despite the desperate appeals to those responsible. Please also note that Ritsona doctors, nurses and managers work from Monday to Friday 10 am to 16:30 pm.

Criminal responsibilities for those responsible for the camp, media and all those involved at the time trying to shirk responsibility, to disorient the fact through the media and maliciously accuse the infant's parents dragging them on 28/01, 10am to Chalkida police station, for minor neglect.

Conclusions are yours own

Also, mention that in the past there was criminal negligence of those responsible for infectious and other diseases which have been reported to Chalkida prosecutor.

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