

The world cries

SYRIAN TODDLER BURIED

Beirut

Aylan Kurdi's last journey was supposed to take him to a safe home - hundreds of miles away from the relentless war in his native Syria.

Instead, it ended with a funeral in the city his family tried to flee.

In the Syrian town of Kobane, 3-year-old Aylan was laid to rest alongside his mother and five-year-old brother at "Martyr's Cemetery" in the predominantly Kurdish community near the Turkish border.

Aylan's father, Abdullah, who survived the capsizing that killed his family, wept as the bodies were buried. Speaking at the crossing with Turkey, he said he hoped the death of his family would encourage Arab states to help Syrian refugees.

"I want from Arab governments, not European countries, to see my children, and because of them to help people," he said in footage posted online by a local radio station.

"I don't blame anyone else for this. I just blame myself,"

"Given the scale of the crisis and the suffering of the people, today I can announce that we will do more, providing resettlement for thousands more Syrian refugees," Prime Minister David Cameron said

Abdullah told the mourners. "I will have to pay the price for

Britain promised yesterday to take in thousands more Syrian refugees and give 100 million pounds in extra aid, as their plight raised pressure on European leaders

this the rest of my life," said the devastated father.

Abdullah said the boat in which the family had been travelling had started taking in water about 500 metres from the shore and that, despite his best efforts, he had not been able to hold on to his wife and two sons. "I was holding my wife's hand," he told the Turkish news agency *Dogan*. "But my children slipped through my hands. It was dark and everyone was screaming."

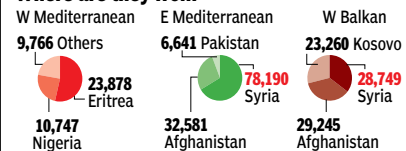


The father of Aylan Kurdi holds the body of his child during a funeral ceremony in Kobane

WORLD'S BIGGEST REFUGEE CRISIS?

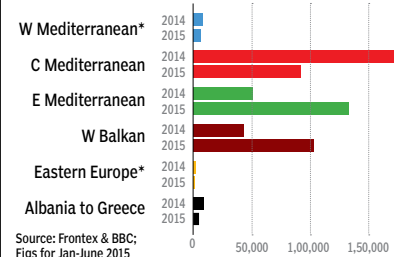
More than 350,000 migrants were detected at the EU's borders between Jan and August 2015, says IOM

Where are they from



*Between Jan & July 2015; IOM is International Organization for Migration

Migrant detected entering the EU illegally, Jan-July 2015



Source: Frontex & BBC; Figs for Jan-June 2015



A Syrian couple waits with other refugees for the train in Gevgelija, Macedonia

Guardian calls this the world's biggest refugee crisis since World War II

What is driving migrant to Europe?

- > Syria conflict the biggest driver of migration
- > Ongoing violence in Afghanistan
- > Warfare in Eritrea
- > Poverty in Kosovo

Transit points

Budapest in Hungary: A key transit point for refugees. Thousands pouring in here trying to take trains to Austria and Germany

In August alone, more than 50,000 have flooded into Hungary

Hungary has built a 175km fence along its border with Serbia

to slow the flow of asylum seekers into northern Europe

Calais, France: Thousands stormed Eurostar train here on Tuesday. Migrants blocked railtracks to stop trains

Migrants then tried to jump on board the superfast train headed for Britain

WHAT EU LAW SAYS

Under the EU law known as the **Dublin Regulation**, refugees should apply for asylum in the country in which they arrive and are first registered. But as the numbers have increased, the rules have been ignored and many migrants have been allowed through borders

Death Route

Most of those heading for Greece take the relatively short voyage from Turkey to islands of Kos, Chios, Lesbos and Samos - often in flimsy rubber dinghies or small wooden boats

The voyage from **Libya to Italy** is longer and more hazardous

More than **2,500 migrants have died** trying to make the crossing this year

In April a boat carrying **800 migrants** capsized off Libya

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Refugee aid charities see surge in donations

The Hague

Charities aiding refugees witnessed a surge in donations across Europe yesterday as people shocked by the heart-rending images of a drowned Syrian boy on a Turkish beach dug deep to help.

British Prime Minister David Cameron, under pressure to act, said Britain would provide an extra £100 million (137 million euros, \$153 million) in

humanitarian aid for the Syrian crisis, bringing London's total contribution to more than 1.0 billion pounds.

The International Olympic Committee launched an emergency two-million-euro (\$2.2 million) fund, as money flooded into the coffers of aid organisations helping those fleeing Iraq and Syria.

"There is an enormous response from the public,

the tide of indifference is shifting," Christian Peregrin, spokesman for the Malta-based Migrant Offshore Aid Station, said.

The group, working to help migrants seeking to cross the Mediterranean from Libya, had by Friday received a record 600,000 euros (\$666,500) since the toddler's photo went viral.

"Before that, 10,000 euros in a day would have been a good day," he said.

Wrong Target

Female MMA fighter traps robber in a leg lock

Brasilia

A Brazilian street robber ended up pleading for mercy from the woman he tried to hold up - after she took him down in a jiu-jitsu move then held him in a leg grip until the police arrived.

Footage emerged of the sobbing man Wesley Sousa de Araujo screaming, crying for his "daddy" and pleading for someone to call the police as Monique Bastos locked his neck in a triangle choke.

Araujo and another man had earlier approached Ms Bastos and another woman

on a street in Acailandia, western Brazil - unaware that his would-be victim was a professional MMA fighter and jiu-jitsu blue belt.

Ms Bastos, who has six professional MMA fights on her record, pounced after the men cornered the women on a motorbike and demanded they hand over their mobile phones.

The fighter, 23, later told how she took Araujo to ground in a "rear-naked choke" before locking him in a "triangle choke" for 20 minutes until police arrived.

Ms Bastos told Brazil's iG website: "One of the guys grabbed the mobile phone I was carrying. I could see that they were not armed so I knocked their motorbike down.

"I wasn't afraid. I knew I could immobilise them.

"One of them managed to run away, so I got the motorbike driver with a 'lion killer' and held him in my legs for 20 minutes."

The 'lion killer' is a choke hold in Brazilian jiu-jitsu where the attacker wraps his arm around his opponent's

neck, placing the crook of his elbow on his trachea.

In the video filmed on an onlooker's mobile phone, Araujo is heard screaming out for help as Ms Bastos holds him in the lock and applies pressure on his neck.

He shouts: "Daddy, daddy, call the police, daddy. Help Jesus. I swear, it was the first time I've ever done this. Help, Lord, somebody help me. Where's my mum?"

Araujo was taken to the local police station, where he denied trying to rob the women, according to reports.



Ms Bastos is a professional MMA fighter and jiu-jitsu blue belt