

## No Future

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Sadly, I remember ten years ago in 2017 when people still lived in Syria. Now there are bombed out apartment buildings, closed shops, smashed hospitals and ruined mosques covered in poison gas residue. Nothing grows there. All the historical artifacts have been looted or destroyed. The worst part is these 24.8 million Syrians can never... ever... go home. Where they are living now, as refugees, is and will be 'home'. Half of these exiles are children. Most of the children have never gone to school in the 16 years of continuous war.

I'm glad they finally caught and killed the horrid man who killed his own people by the millions. If there is a hell, he is there. Even that isn't bad enough punishment for how he destroyed his country – wiped it off the map. Syria is a place to be imagined by future generations, artifacts shown in museums and taught about in history books.

Let this be a cautionary tale for other countries with unbalanced dictators. This could happen to you.