



RTC Sweden statement on the Danish Supreme Court verdict

RTC Denmark sued the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs for failing to repatriate a Danish boy and his mother from the prison camp Roj in northeastern Syria.

The Supreme Court has determined that it is necessary to evacuate both the child and the mother to ensure the child's rights and well-being.

The background of this decision is that the child and the mother are in the prison camp in NE Syria under conditions deemed harmful to the child's health and development. The mother had previously been denied evacuation by the Danish authorities, but the Supreme Court has now ruled that the evacuation is necessary for the child's best interests.

The decision emphasizes the principle of the child's best interests and its rights under international conventions, which means that Denmark has an obligation to act to protect its minor citizens, even if it requires evacuating the mother as well.

RTC Sweden, comments

This is a long-awaited decision and the only conceivable correct one. The Supreme Court confirms that children have their own rights and that Denmark must comply with the Convention on the Rights of the Child. It is regrettable that a purely consular matter has been politicized, causing immense suffering for the child and several years of stolen childhood. We expect other states in the Global Coalition against ISIS, including Sweden, to follow this example and repatriate their citizens without further delay.