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A Syrian man crosses through the fence carrying a baby into Turkey. Photo: AFP

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We hope that our Syrian brothers and sisters will get their citizenship soon. This entitlement will not only accelerate their integration into Turkish society, but they will also be able to take care of their needs in an easier manner. Finding jobs, having access to regular medical services, education and other issues will no longer be a difficulty. Furthermore, given that a large part of the Syrian refugees are educated and qualified people, there is no doubt that they will be incredible assets to our country.

Regrettably, as we said before, there is a small group of people opposing this idea, largely as a reflection of their selfish desire to prioritize their needs and wishes over everyone else's. It is unlikely that these people will come to support this idea any time soon.

However, it would be a fair approach to address their claims and to explain why they have no validity. First of all, labeling all Syrians as criminals doesn't even warrant a serious answer as there is no doubt there are criminals to be found in every society and Turkish society has them as well. In any case, statistics clearly reveal that the rate of Syrians involved in criminal activities is very low.

The claim that refugees may cause social tension is equally unfounded: First of all, Syrians are definitely not 'foreigners.' Until a century ago, we lived as brothers and sisters, people of the same land, the Ottoman Empire. More importantly, we believe in the same God, religion, scripture and prophets and we share similar historical pasts and a similar culture. Our Syrian brothers and sisters perfectly testified to this fact when they rushed into the streets to fight alongside Turks on the night of the coup attempt.

For these reasons, we are more than willing to make our brotherhood official and to help our siblings at times of this difficulty. The hateful voices that seem to be so loud will not be able to shut down our love for each other.

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