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## **FOREIGN FIGHTERS: BELGIUM TO REPATRIATE CHILDREN AND SOME MOTHERS HELD IN SYRIA**

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Belgium will repatriate children detained in a Syrian refugee camp to meet a 2019 court order, along with some mothers on a case by case basis, Belgian Prime Minister Alexander de Croo said on Thursday (4 March).

Like the United States, Europe has repeatedly said it is ready to take custody of some minors whose families went to fight for Islamic State in Syria, fearing the camps may breed a new generation of militants.

But governments are still reluctant as there is little sympathy for foreign fighters families in Europe after the trauma of militant attacks on the continent over the past decade.

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