

Early warning: A potential new refugee crisis for Europe



U.N. World Food Program Executive Director David M. Beasley visits a house in Havana that was affected by Hurricane Irma. Photo: Yamil Lage / AFP / Getty Images

“The head of the United Nations food agency warned [today] that the relocation of Islamic State group members from the Middle East to Africa could trigger a **massive new European migrant crisis**,” AP reports: “David Beasley, executive director of the World Food Program, said many of the militants who fled Syria amid the collapse of the Islamic State group’s self-described caliphate had ended up in the greater Sahel region, a belt of semi-arid land spanning east-west across Africa.”

Why it matters: “He said he has warned European leaders that they could face a far larger migrant crisis from the Sahel than the Syrian conflict generated if they do not help provide the region with food and stability.”

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