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***Trace the Face:
help migrants and their families find missing relatives***

On the International Day of the Disappeared, Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies and the International Committee of the Red Cross wish to draw attention to the suffering of migrants and their families looking for missing loved ones. In 2013, the Red Cross launched an online tool called [Trace the Face](http://www.tracetheface.org), which aims to help people find relatives who have disappeared along the migration roads to Europe. www.tracetheface.org allows anyone in Europe separated from their loved ones to post a picture of themselves to advertise their search.

The more people who know about this tool, the more families we hope to reconnect. Until now, people in Europe mainly from Africa, the Middle-East and Afghanistan have published their pictures on the website, in the hope of reconnecting with their relatives.

Haji Mohammed, from Afghanistan, lost contact with his son while he was traveling to Europe. *"It's as if a part of my body were missing,"* he explains, *"His mother and I haven't been able to rest since he disappeared and we won't until we know what's happened."*

Trace the Face allows people in Europe trying to find their families to upload a photo of themselves to increase the chances of being recognized. The only information published is their photo and the nature of the family link to their missing relative. All other information, such as their name and location, will be kept confidential. To date, more than 1,470 pictures have been posted on the website.

Reconnecting people often takes time and, during that period of separation, families are in pain. On this International Day of the Disappeared, help us spread the word by sharing the [website](http://www.tracetheface.org), and the [facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/tracetheface)

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