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**Greenville News:** Syrian refugees arrive in South Carolina, more coming

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Syrian refugees are being settled in South Carolina, despite a request from Gov. Nikki Haley that they not be placed in the state because of security concerns. According to the state Department of Social Services, which manages and administers federal funding for refugee programs, earlier this month one pair of Syrians was settled in the Midlands through Lutheran Services Carolinas, a private resettlement agency in the state that assists refugees, and more Syrians are on their way.

**Note:** "After reviewing recent public statements and personally speaking today with intelligence officials, it is my understanding that while our national security agencies are working tirelessly to vet potential refugees, there remain gaps in available intelligence for those fleeing Syria," she wrote. "Therefore, until I can be assured that all potential refugees from Syria have no ties to terrorist organizations, I am requesting that the State Department not resettle any Syrian refugees in South Carolina."