



"From Mossul to Alfeizerão", the story of Daud Al Anazy who escaped from war and death.

"From Mossul to Alfeizerão" is the book that tells the life story of a refugee, Daud Al Anazy, who arrived in Lisbon, on the 17th December 2015, "on a flight full of hope", with the dream of finding some tranquility and leaving uncertainty.

Alfeizerão is a small village in the west, about 100 km from Lisbon. This was the place where he settled with an Iraqi and an Eritrean. His story is told in 6000 words, as many as the kilometres that separate him from his homeland.

Helena Lopes Franco teaches portuguese to a group of refugees. She had the idea of writing a book about his life and helped to materialize it. Profits will be donated to Daud.

Daud had a happy childhood in a country where people lived in peace. At the age of 18 he was a taxi driver, later he opened his own café. Until June 2014, when jihadists took the city, life was peaceful.

His café was attended by important people, therefore they wanted to force him to give names and addresses.

As he refused to do so, he was arrested and punished with 80 whiplashes. There were three other terms of imprisonment, his café was closed and the taxi confiscated.

Daud paid 1000 dollars to escape to Syria on a tanker lorry where human people were freight.

He escaped from bullets in Turkey and 1700 dollars was the price to pay to reach Lesbos, in Greece. Together with 300 people, he sank in the Aegean sea. He was saved by a life vest and a float, he had nothing but his life...

He spent one and a half month in a refugee camp until the day he arrived in Alfeizerão.

At the age of 25, he has a job, he speaks portuguese, he owns a bank account, he is getting a driving license and he wants to date a portuguese girl. His main goal is to be happy.

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