Foreign Minister Steinmeier: “Especially now we need to provide assistance for those who have fled Aleppo”

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Foreign Minister Steinmeier issued the following statement on 24 December:

We need to do everything now to ensure that the people who have fled eastern Aleppo receive assistance quickly. Particularly in these dark times, we want to send a signal of humanity and give at least a glimmer of hope to the people who have suffered hunger and violence and only just managed to escape from what we can call hell on earth.

Thus I have spoken to my Turkish counterpart and pledged rapid support for the people in northern Syria. We have made sure that part of the German humanitarian assistance for the evacuees from eastern Aleppo is to be used as emergency aid to provide 5000 tents which are to be made available to these people without delay.

Background

Germany has pledged emergency aid to the tune of five million euros to the United Nations Humanitarian Pooled Fund (HPF) in Gaziantep. This funding is part of German humanitarian assistance for those who have been evacuated from eastern Aleppo. Thanks to this German contribution, the Turkish Red Crescent received funding from the HPF for 5000 tents for the refugees from Aleppo in northern Syria (Idlib).

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