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A Real Solution To The World's Refugee Crisis



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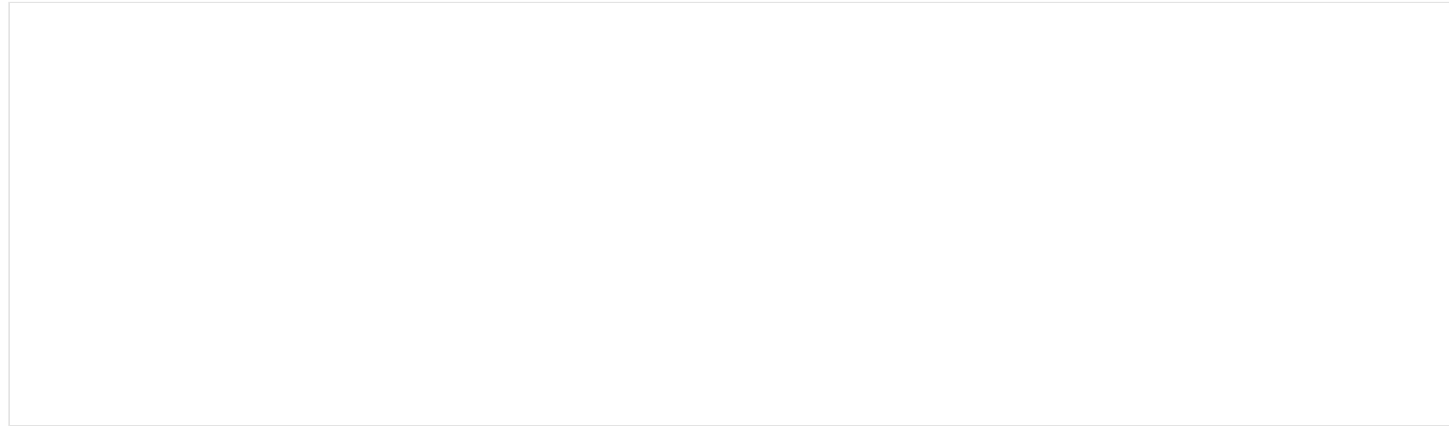
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As supporters of uncontrolled immigration and sham supporters of Syrian refugees resort to emotional blackmail, and the refugees themselves to [barnstorming Europe](#), two wealthy men have come up with an imaginative solution to the problem of all the world's refugees: buy an island and relocate them to it. How practical is this? First, who are these men?

Would you believe an American Jew and an Egyptian Arab? There must be something serendipitous, even mystical, about that. Jason Buzi is an American real estate investor. Based in California, he has a track record for philanthropy. Naguib Sawris is a billionaire telecoms investor. Mr Buzi's idea received some publicity in July, although the domain [Refugee Nation Dot Org](#) was registered way back in 2008. Mr Sawris has come up with his own proposal more recently. He is wealthy enough to fund such a project on his own; Jason Buzi has appealed for wealthy individuals to climb aboard and start the bandwagon rolling.

Last month, in an interview with Australia's ABC News, the Buzi plan was given a qualified thumbs up by Alexander Betts of the University of [Oxford Refugee Studies Centre](#). The Sawris plan is more direct, he wants Greece or Italy to sell him an island and get to work straightaway. Although Mr Sawris is a Christian, perhaps this first new island refuge could be funded using [Islamic finance](#), then it would be not only a haven for the world's unwanted but a debt-free one. Audacious as these ideas sound, they will be far less expensive for all concerned in the long run, and better not only for domestic but international relations between all peoples.

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