Yasmina’s story

Yasmina is 10 years old and recently fled fighting in Mosul, Iraq. She is now living in Hammam Al Alil Refugee Camp.

Yasmina says: “When the soldiers got close to our neighborhood ISIS began firing mortars near to our street. It was horrible and we hid in our house.

My brother went outside and was speaking on a mobile phone. Then a sniper shot him. He died straight away. He was only 14.

When the government soldiers arrived they told us to leave. We had to leave all our things.

Back in Mosul there was hardly any food or water. At school ISIS taught us about bullets and bombs. They showed us how to use weapons. So we left school. They registered me but I didn’t go.

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We spent the whole time sitting at home. We were bored – there was nothing to do. Even television was forbidden. They left us the television but took the satellite dish and receiver.”

Yasmina now lives with her sister Aisha in Hammam Al Alil Camp. Both sisters attend a Temporary Learning Space in the camp.

Yasmina says: “Now we feel safe in the camp. Before we were in hell and now we are in heaven. Here, I go to the Temporary Learning Space everyday.

They teach us lessons. I am learning the English alphabet. Today we have a math’s test. It is on odd numbers and I have been studying hard. I like it there very much.”

Yasmina’s story was shared by Save the Children.