

PRESS MATERIAL**WARRIORS FROM THE NORTH** - A documentary by Nasib Farah & Søren Steen Jespersen

- A chilling and courageous account from a Danish-Somalian boy in Copenhagen who fell victim to recruiters from the militant group al-Shabab.

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SYNOPSIS

The issue of young Muslims traveling from Europe to countries such as Syria and Somalia to fight with Islamic rebels is a highly topical one, making this story of a Danish-Somalian boy even more relevant. His back turned to the camera as he looks out over a nondescript housing development in Copenhagen, "The Shadow" describes how he fell victim to recruiters from the militant Somalian rebel group al-Shabab. He outlines the conditions that make boys such as him susceptible to the lure of the "holy war," explaining that, "Nothing in my life made any sense." So eloquent is he in his account that one might think it was scripted, but what happened to him is as real as the scenes from a suicide attack by one of his former friends. A number of other very young fighters from the Netherlands, Norway, Finland and England, their identities concealed, explain why they left hearth and home and are prepared to die for the cause. Abukar, father of Muhammed who is still in Somalia, fighting for Al-shabab, represents the voice of the parents who are doing everything within their power to convince their children to return home.

Screenings at IDFA		LOCATION	TYPE
Fri 21-11	15:45	Tuschinski 3	Industry Screening
Sat 22-11	20:45	Munt 10	Regular Screening, short Q&A
Sun 23-11	10:00	Munt 11	Vrij Nederland Day, short Q&A
Tue 25-11	18:00	Tuschinski 2	Regular Screening, extended Q&A
Wed 26-11	19:30	Podium Mozaïek	Regular Screening
Fri 28-11	21:30	Munt 09	Regular Screening
Sun 30-11	10:00	Munt 11	Regular Screening

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