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**Kenneth Roth**  
*Executive Director*

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*Photo Caption: A man breathes through an oxygen mask in the Damascus suburbs of Jesreen after an alleged chemical attack on August 21, 2013*

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