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If you are considering a possible return to your country of origin, you can ask for information, without obligation, from the Repatriation Advisory Office at the BAZ. Any advice has no influence on the outcome of your asylum procedure. The earlier you leave, the more return assistance you will receive, and the longer you wait, the lesser the return assistance you will receive. If your application for asylum application is rejected, you must leave Switzerland. If you do not leave Switzerland within the given time limit, you may be deported by the authorities using coercive means. In this case, you will not receive any return assistance.
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