

HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT ON THE SITUATION OF SYRIAN REFUGEE IN BEQAH LEBANON

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Presentation:

The Syrian observer in Lebanon studies the situation of human rights of Syrian refugees in Beqah-Lebanon, supported by Arab human rights fund www.ahrfund.org and it is a one year project. The number of refugees estimated by United Nations statistics is 400 thousand refugees, the focus in this report is on saad naiel in middle Beqah.



The situation of camps:

Eight camps were targeted, those camps contained 124 tents, and several families live in these in order to decrease the tent's rent. 371 children live in these camps; there are 163 kids who are not subscribed in schools and 147 kids between the ages of one day till six years. 61 children were born in Lebanon are not subscribed and do not have any official forms to prove their identities which deprives them of studying in the future, in addition to some legally unproved marriages. 142 families were targeted, 16 unproved marriages most of them either have kids or expecting kids in close future. All of this is a result of the absence of awareness among camps, the absence of the role of awareness, social, and medical associations. Each camp is visited once a month by a medical committee stays for 3 hours in the camp. Most camps are suffering from the sewage system issue and not being able take it out of the camp

which causes illnesses for the inhabitants, the spread of big holes filled with contaminated water near camps, usually filled for watering agricultural land in summer, is dangerous on children for two reasons, for their health because they are filled with filth, and these holes are not fenced so the kids fall in them and sink to death. Other stated cases are handicapped children, there is no care from parents or concerned associations, these children are deprived of education, medical care and playing. Most tents need wood renewal because it got damages from snow when piled up on them which led to destruction of the tent because the wood is very weak. If the firewood and shaders were distributed, it is done in an unfair way, in a camp; the main condition to give the aids was to film the people by the township while delivering it so a lot of them refused the firewood and the shaders and preferred to leave it. When media came to film the suffering of the people in winter, it caused them a problem with the United Nations because they entered with no permission and most of the content filmed was distorted.

Violation cases:

- 1- (Abed and his children) age 60,28,25,23 there was a wedding in the square in front of the building where abed and his children lived and worked for 2 years. There was a shooting at the wedding, abed does not the man of the wedding, general security was informed and in the middle of the night all surrounding buildings were raid, all Syrian young men were taken into custody including abed and his children, they started to hit the detainees, put bags around their heads, handcuff them and taken to prison. In there, they were hit till the morning without interrogating them, the next day abed and his children were interrogated and said that they did not know him, so they started to hit them again, everyone was screaming. The next day, abed and his children were released through a Lebanese person, while the rest were held for two days and then released. The papers of abed and his children were detained and they paid money in order to be released.
- 2- (M-D) age 30 , M came to saad naiel 3 years ago, rented a land from its owner and built a tent , he used to pay 50 thousand Lebanese liras after a while , the land owner increased the rent till it reached 100 thousand. A month and a half ago the land owner asked M to pay 100 dollars, M could not afford the sum so he decided to move to another land , he had an agreement with its owner and when he started to move his stuff , the vice-chairman of the township informed the security to prevent him from moving his tent . The vice-chairman came himself to M and threatened that if he tried to move the tent he will inform the security and that's what he did when M moved. Some people stepped in and went to the first landowner to ask him to reduce the rent so M could come back and live there because he has no place to go and the security would not allow him to move , the landowner accepted and M went back.

Recommendations:

World Health Organization and International Red Cross: Syrian refugees in beqah are being neglected from all parties; they are exposed to illnesses and diseases because of the uncovered sewage system in camps. and not prepare it properly without any interference from concerned parties, in addition to the cases from the Syrian war, 3 out of 10 refugees need medical care so these camps should have the needed medical care.

Townships: stop the violations, which some townships in beqah are doing to the camps.

Ministry of social affairs: the necessity to subscribe marriages and births.

General security: facilitate the renewal of stay documents for Syrian refugees.

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