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Report on the situation of Syrian refugees in Beqah- Lebanon

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The Syrian observer in Lebanon studies the situation of human rights of Syrian refugees in Beqah –lebanon supported by the Arab human rights fund [www.ahrfund.org](http://www.ahrfund.org). it is a one year long project. According to United Nations statistics the number of refugees is estimated about 400 thousand person, the focus in this report is on eastern Beqah area Berillias. The report includes 500 people from several camps.

The situation of refugees in these camps is divided between partially accepted, where there is contributions from the United Nations and another organization through which the necessity of food and life is provided, and two other camps which are totally forgotten by UN and other organizations. Where women and children are forced to work for very low wages to supply food for their families, the wages are around 5000 Lebanese liras up until 15000 liras as the best sum with constant fear that the employer will not pay them. We observed a lot of such cases in camps where they have no way to collect their looted rights, the work team was thrown out of a camp by the sergeant after he found out that the team was not to give any food and they were insulted with cursing words and threatened never to come back again (this sergeant and his relatives take advantage of the situation of the camp and share the proportions, they fear the questioning when observing the situation of camp residents). It is shame that there is no legal questioning after these people.

Out of 500 people, there is 162 children from the age of one day up to 13 years. We documented 62 kids deprived of education, this big number is caused by the violations that happened in some schools by Lebanese teachers and students so kids just ran away, plus schools are far. We also observed cases of violence where teachers, children, and even locals beat the kids, unfortunately, there is no judgment for these people.

A lot of these cases where documented, critical health issues until this moment are did not find help from anyone including united nations ,which left a lot of families to face their own destiny, we, as well, observed some organizations who came and photographed and took medical reports but never came back :

A child from ghouta was injured by the chemical weapon in desperate need for cure, his brother passed away several months before because there was no medication for him, a famous doctor works in an organization came and promised to take him to a hospital and took all medical reports and just never came back and now he is not even answering there calls nor agrees to meet them.

Some of the violations that took place in these camps:

- 1- (A-A) age: 29, was working for a person, (S-Z) a township chief, in construction and after two months of work he took half of his payment while the other half (600 \$) was still with the employer, a disagreement took place between the township chief and the workers so he fired them without giving them the rest their money and also threatened them.
- 2- (T-SH) age 38 his papers were renewed on the lebanese borders, after six months he went down to general security to renew the papers so, he gave in the papers and after 15 days they called him and when he went they arrested him for 15 days and beat him then he was released after paying one million lebanese liras, until now he does not why he was arrested nor why he was beaten.
- 3- A child (J-A) age 7 was coming back in the school bus when the driver hit him several times on his face causing him face swelling and blackening in his right eye, the next day his mother went to the school asking for explanation and to complaint about the driver but she was faced with refusing and thrown out, as a result, the kid got out of school.
- 4- (S-A) went into a hospital in Shtoura to give birth she had a twin with good health according to the nurse , somebody went in the room while the mother was still under the effect of anaesthetizations and tried to force her sign some papers without knowing its contents but a friend of the mother arrived and stopped them. When the mother asked to see the babies they told her that they moved them to (R) hospital without finding out the reason to move them. The nurse assured that the kids were fine but they stayed in **hospital** For 15 days without allowing the mother to see them. they asked the mother to give them 5 million liras in order to give her the babies saying that they were borne ahead of time but the mother conformed that she was in her ninth month , she went to see the doctor, and he told her to “go and sell your body, and work nights” so, the mother contacted the UN which in their part contacted the hospital and when she went back they asked for her ID in exchange of the kids so she gave it to them and now they have all her papers she talked to the UN but no one answered her , she also went to the hospital which said that will look into the case but until now there is no results .
- 5- (A-J) age 25 a store was raid but A was not there , he was told about the incident and went to the police station and was detained and accused of drug trading and since two years he is still in prison without a trial. On 1/3/2015 his parents appointed an attorney for him and he was moved to Rashaia prison waiting for a trial.
- 6- (A-H) age 22 was arrested on a levee, during the arrest, he was with his brother and he got severely beaten (taking into consideration that he had heart surgery a month before) the hit for 5 minutes the brother told them about the surgery and said they were to hold full responsibility if anything happened to him so they stopped ,and to took him to the station where also he was beaten and then transferred to another

station where his health collapsed and was moved to a hospital for 4 hours and then to the general security and was held there for 4 days then was released with departing papers.

- 7- (A-A-A) age 20 and 21 their camp was raid and they asked about them specifically and brought them with their cellphones , they entered their tent and beat their mother , saying bad words to her and vandalize the tent. They were arrested, handcuffed, put in a car and when they were taken out of it they were kicked and hit in a boxing manner (one said that we have not practice boxing in a long time let us practice on them) they were taken to a police station and put in seperate cells and started beating them to confess their charges. One of them was released after 2 days the other stayed for 10 days ,but with daily beating with no food , just water , then he was released with clearing his charges and leave papers for 15 days he subscribed for a passport after a year and a half and decided to travel to Turkey on 24/10/2015 , he bought a ticket and when he got to the airport he was arrested and banned of travel saying that there a search warrant on him from the general security about his charges a year and half ago , he was detained for 24 hours then released without giving him his ID nor his passport.

**Recommendations:**

Social affairs ministry: coordinating with town ships and supervise the situation of camps and make sure that the aid is fairly divided between camps.

Health ministry: supervise and judge the hospitals that violating human rights in this area.

The legation of refugees in the United Nations: review their policy specially about depriving a lot of the refugees from their rights and create an urgent plan to resolve health and medication problems for the refugees.

Ministry of internal affairs: the necessity of bringing an arrest order and define the responsible party to any person plus giving the cause of the arrest.

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