

The continued suspension of refugees' education despite human rights recommendations.

Access Center for Human Rights (ACHR) regularly reviews the latest development in Syrian refugees' human rights conditions in Lebanon.

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**Educational cadre's strike continues for the respective** third week, without offering any service to Lebanese or Syrian refugee students, in protest of the government's deficit in covering the salaries of public school employees.

The employees of the Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MEHE) announced the continuity of the strike until the 27th of January, in compliance with the Association of Public Administration Officials' decision, while civil society organizations in Lebanon are still calling for the resumption of education for Syrian refugee students in the afternoon, as the salaries of teachers of Syrian refugee students are paid by UNICEF's budget, and is not related to the salaries of the primary teaching staff for Lebanese students, who receive their financial dues from the central budget of the Lebanese Ministry of Education.

In a tweet, Edouard Beigbeder, the representative of UNICEF in Lebanon, "urges the Government of Lebanon to prioritize Education and take serious steps to support teachers with an income which provides dignity and so that children can access quality, safe and inclusive education."

Also, the "Lebanon Policy and Research Network on Displacement" has issued a <u>statement</u> addressed to both the Lebanese government and donors, in which it called on the Ministry of Education to take immediate action to save the school year and ensure continuity of education for all children, both Lebanese and refugee, in addition to urging international organizations and donors to Continue to support and fund the educational needs of all students in Lebanon, including students in secondary and technical education.

Depriving refugees of their right to education inside Lebanon is part of a series of violations refugees suffer from. Sit-ins continue in front of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) office in Beirut as a result of the deteriorating living conditions for refugees, most notably their denial of financial and food aid, which, according to what Access Center for Human Rights (ACHR) has monitored and documented in previous reports, make their living conditions such as it prompts them to return to their country despite international reports confirming that Syria is still not safe.

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