

Weekly Situational Update #8:

Syrian Refugees in Lebanon

Access Center for Human Rights (ACHR)



An Overview from September 23 to December 03

After nearly 14 months of hostilities and two months of heavy fighting and a ground invasion, Hezbollah and Israel agreed to a ceasefire that took effect at 04:00 (UTC+3) on 27 November.



3,961

Fatalities<sup>1</sup>



16,520

Injuries<sup>1</sup>



more than

620,000

Left Lebanon  
for Syria<sup>3</sup>



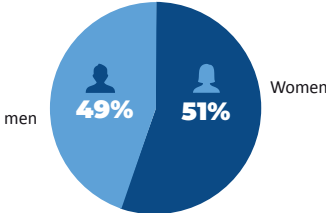
578,641

IDPs have begun returning  
to their areas of origin.<sup>9</sup>



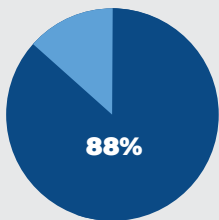
899,725

Internally  
Displaced persons<sup>2</sup>



296

Shelters are closed



Many IDPs are leaving collective shelters and returning to their areas of origin. Around 88% of individuals in collective shelters have left<sup>7</sup> and 296 shelters out of 1,009 have closed.<sup>8</sup>



Shortly after the ceasefire was declared, **Israel targeted the Arida bridge** in North Lebanon. This bridge was the last official crossing connecting Lebanon to Syria, effectively **preventing those who had fled to Syria from returning to Lebanon**.<sup>5</sup>



Following the announcement of the ceasefire agreement, convoys of cars transporting displaced people started **making their way back to the South, the Bekaa, and the Southern suburbs of Beirut**.<sup>6</sup>



The situation remains fragile, given the multiple **ceasefire violations** recorded within the first days alone. According to Al Jazeera, **Israel has carried out numerous air attacks in southern Lebanon, in violation of the agreement**.<sup>4</sup>



Many displaced individuals cannot return to their communities because of the **widespread damage** and **destruction to their homes** and **limited access to essential services**, along with the restrictions imposed by the Israeli Army.<sup>10</sup>



Some municipalities in the south have issued **instructions for Syrians not to return** and **landlords are being instructed not to rent to Syrians**.<sup>11</sup>



There are reports of **evictions of Syrians** from non-conflict affected areas.<sup>12</sup>



The extensive destruction indicates that **reconstruction will be the most significant challenge** moving forward.<sup>13</sup>



4,165

Syrian Refugees  
have been Internally  
Displaced<sup>14</sup>



172

Syrian Refugees killed<sup>15</sup>



106

Males



62

Females



63

Children



49

Wounded<sup>15</sup>



8

Missing<sup>15</sup>



31

Refugee returnees  
who were arrested<sup>16</sup>



7

Enforced  
disappearances<sup>16</sup>

ACHR Documentation

Cities of origin  
in Lebanon<sup>17</sup>

IDRs

Nabatiyah

1121

Sidon

908

Tyre

708

Baabda

665

Baalbek

372

Other

391

Cities of  
Destinations

IDRs

Zahle

1154

Dennhieh

750

Akkar

1279

Beirut

262

Tripoli

206

Others

514

1 United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

2 International Organization for Migration (IOM)

3 The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

4 Al Jazeera

5 World Food Programme (WFP)

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