

Statement on Recent Developments in Beddawi Camp

On March 17, violent armed clashes erupted between young men from the Beddawi camp, Tripoli, North Lebanon and others from the adjacent Wadi al-Nahla area. Machine guns and rocket-propelled grenades were used. The clashes ceased with the deployment of Lebanese Army units in the area, which launched raids to arrest a number of wanted individuals involved in the clashes.

The clashes resulted in one person being injured and property damage, including the burning of two cars and a house in Wadi al-Nahla.

The crisis erupted after a Wadi al-Nahla resident intercepted an aid truck provided by the Iranian package on its way to the camp. The cargo was confiscated on the pretext that it bore Iranian flags and pictures of Hassan Nasrallah, Secretary-General of Hezbollah, who was assassinated in an Israeli airstrike on September 27, 2024.

The Jafra Foundation for Relief and Youth Development condemns the incident and calls for those involved to be held accountable. It urges the camp residents and our brothers in Wadi al-Nahla not to be drawn into further fighting and to work fully cooperate with the relevant official and civil authorities seeking to contain the problem, prevent its recurrence, and spare the peaceful residents the repercussions of such acts.

The Foundation also emphasizes the depth of the fraternal relationship between the camp residents and the neighboring communities, and the social and humanitarian ties that have bound them for decades.

It also considers the incident an individual accident that does not represent the people of Wadi al-Nahla, who clearly expressed their condemnation of the incident and affirmed the good relations that unite them with the camp residents.

In conclusion, the Jafra Foundation calls on all concerned parties, civil society organizations, and humanitarian organizations to unify their efforts to support the resilience of our people in the Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon, amid the deteriorating economic and security conditions in the region, which have worsened in recent months. This to alleviate their suffering and guarantee their rights until they are able to return to their homes, in accordance with United Nations resolutions and international law.

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