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The Train of EID Joy

Do not mind the destroyed building behind us, We will rebuild it



Children at Hamidiya in Damascus taking part in a rally to mark an Iranian initiative called "Al-Quds International Day"

Humanitarian Updates



Biden Faces Russian Test Over Aid in Syria

11/05/2021

The Biden administration is bracing for a showdown with Russia over the delivery of U.N. aid to millions of Syrians outside the control of Syrian Government, a flow that Moscow is poised to block in July.

The closure of the border to the U.N. would jeopardize the 2.7 million people in the area. The U.N. also has just started its Covid-19 vaccination campaign in the area, an effort not easily replaced by another organization.

Moscow says, however, that the crossing is a violation of the Syrian government's sovereignty and that assistance should be delivered from areas controlled by the regime.

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Millions of young Syrians paid heavy toll during “decade of loss”

10/03/2021


Highlights about conflict impact on Syrians between the ages of 18-25:

- 47% said a close relative or friend had been killed
- 16% said at least one of their parents was killed or seriously injured.
- 54% had lost contact with a close relative.
- 62% reported having to leave their homes, either within Syria or abroad.
- 49% had lost their income, nearly 77% reported struggling to afford food and necessities. In Syria, this rose to 85%.
- 57% reported missing years of education, if they went at all.


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The Interactive Study of Population, Displacement And Return Movement – Northern Syria Camps - March 2021

01/03/2021




Total Statistics



638,528

Total IDPs



103

Total Departures

| Cluster | Count of Camps | Total Individuals | Total Households | Departures (Individuals) | Departures (Households) |
|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Afrin | 10 | 9,424 | 1,844 | 0 | 0 |
| Al Bab | 14 | 13,156 | 2,588 | 0 | 0 |
| Al Karama | 57 | 52,409 | 9,675 | 0 | 0 |
| Al Rahma | 25 | 22,126 | 3,794 | 0 | 0 |
| Al Sheikh Bahr | 16 | 11,327 | 2,103 | 0 | 0 |
| AlFou'a | 5 | 1,931 | 320 | 0 | 0 |
| Armanaz | 12 | 8,567 | 1,442 | 0 | 0 |
| Atareb | 16 | 23,052 | 4,021 | 0 | 0 |
| Atma | 56 | 76,569 | 13,555 | 0 | 0 |
| Bab Al Salameh | 27 | 148,665 | 26,526 | 0 | 0 |
| Deir Hassan | 26 | 66,928 | 11,567 | 103 | 19 |
| Harim | 12 | 15,601 | 3,097 | 0 | 0 |
| Idlib City Center | 5 | 4,395 | 818 | 0 | 0 |
| Jarabius | 13 | 24,632 | 4,833 | 0 | 0 |
| Jisr-Ash-Shugur | 27 | 17,560 | 3,497 | 0 | 0 |
| Kafr Takharim | 9 | 6,104 | 1,212 | 0 | 0 |
| Keliv | 8 | 11,771 | 2,036 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 436 | 638,528 | 115,953 | 103 | 19 |



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Researches & Studies



How have the AANES's policies contributed to the resurgence of ISIS?

05/05/2021

The study discusses the resurgence of ISIS as the result of the wrongheaded policies of the AANES, including three main points: 1) the continuous release of ISIS fighters which has not been accompanied by measures to rehabilitate the released detainees or reintegrate them into local communities, 2) a failure to manage economic issues, and 3) the failure of governance systems and the administration in dealing with tribal communities, one wrongheaded policy is that the AANES did not give the tribes actual administrative authority, but rather merely formal authority.

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Policies on return and reintegration of displaced healthcare workers towards rebuilding conflict-affected health systems

A review for The Lancet-AUB Commission on Syria

07/05/2021

Findings demonstrate that health system rebuilding and rehabilitation serve as precursors and reinforcers of the successful return, repatriation, and reintegration of displaced HCWs.

Despite the significant numbers of HCWs displaced by conflict, this study identified few specific policies and limited information explicitly focused on the repatriation and reintegration of such workers to their home country in the post-conflict period.

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The Mahdi Scouts: A Chronicle of Child Recruitment into Iranian Militias

06/05/2021

This investigation reveals children were trained in weapon use in Iranian camps in Syria and Lebanon under the banner of the Imam al-Mahdi Scouts, which serves as a bridge to militias affiliated with Iran's Revolutionary Guard.

This report investigates the Imam al-Mahdi Scouts through exclusive interviews with young scouts, their families, teachers, and scout leaders. The youngsters not only gain strength by joining the Mahdi Scouts, but also evade Syria's two-year mandatory military service.

One interviewed child revealed that he spent three months doing a lot of sports and attending religious classes from Iranian teachers they used to call "the turbanis."

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Human-Rights & Political Updates



Why Did the G7 Refuse to Criticize 'Normalization' With Damascus?

07/05/2021

Discussions that took place between the foreign ministers of the G7 in London revealed some change in the position of the United States and its allies regarding the Syrian file.

A suggestion was made that final statement should indicate that the time was not appropriate for “any form of normalization”. The suggestion was rejected. The final statement came cold on Syrian including general statement such as reiterated point announced in UNSCR 2254.

It seems Syria no longer an urgent priority for the administration of US President Joe Biden.

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Syrian get-out-the-vote push raises fears among refugees in Lebanon

30/04/2021

With Syria's presidential election on the horizon, a political apparatus has kicked into gear in Lebanon to push the hundreds of thousands of Syrian refugees in the country who are eligible to vote to the ballot box. Since the election date was announced, Syrian organizations aligned with the government of Bashar al-Assad and pro-Assad Lebanese political parties and individuals have been making the rounds to cajole and threaten Syrians into registering their names on voter lists and going to the polls.

The article describes clear examples of such threats.

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After seizing control of the industry, Iran besieges merchants in Aleppo and imposes its conditions by force of arms

05/09/2021

Iranian militias impose their own made-up laws in their areas of control in Aleppo, after excluding any role for the Assad regime or government departments.

The Iranian militias have seized the "Sheikh Najjar area", the largest industry zone in Aleppo, and imposed laws and (Protection money) on factories owners.

The last decisions issued by those militias, it is to force every merchant that the percentage of Iranian goods should not be less than 60% in every store!

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