

Nahr el-Bared Crisis

Update: 8 June, 2007

Statistics on IDPs

The situation on the number of refugee families displaced from N/Bared on the 7th of June was as follows:

North Lebanon	Beqa'a	Beirut	Saida	Tyre	Total
4,825	96	384	252	204	5,761

The distribution of displaced families in North Lebanon was as follows:

Beddawi Camp		Outside Camp	Total
Inside Schools	With Families and in Clubs		
553	1,920	2,352	4,825

The number of displaced persons classified by area of displacement is as follows:

NLA	Beqa'a	CLA	Saida	Tyre	Total
25,171	384	1,896	1,054	956	29,461

Persons displaced in North Lebanon Area are distributed as follows:

Inside UNRWA Schools (Beddawi)	With Families and in Clubs (Beddawi)	Outside Camp	Total
2,930	9,899	12,342	25,171

General

The situation in the country is tense due to rumors of explosions and the frequent explosions that are taking place during the night in various areas in Beirut and surroundings.

On Thursday 07 June at 2150 hours, an explosion took place at a warehouse of oxygen cylinders in the industrial district at Zouk Mosbeh north of Beirut. A huge fire erupted in the area. One person was killed and several injured.

Beddawi Camp

No security issues inside the camp were encountered on the 7th of June.

Nahr el-Bared Camp

Lebanese press reported that fighting continued on Thursday 7th of June after a night of fierce fighting between Fatah al-Islam militants and army troops leaving three soldiers wounded. Naharnet quoted PLO leader Abu El Aynayn saying that three Fatah Al Islam gunmen had surrendered and handed over their weapons and that 18 others said they had stopped fighting and were seeking guarantees to give in, leaving only about 75 - 90 militia still fighting. Sporadic fire fights have continued throughout the day with most exchanges concentrating in and around the areas to the northern part of the camp.

A damage assessment conducted by the Operations security cell from various positions outside of NBC, indicates that the buildings within the UNRWA compound has sustained structural damage from artillery, mortar and medium/small arms fire. The extent of the damage cannot be confirmed at this stage.

Ein el-Hilweh Camp

No fighting took place on the 7th of June. A tense calm prevailed over Ein el-Hilweh camp in the southern city of Saida as a disengagement force grouping Palestinian Islamists separated Jund al-Sham militants from Lebanese Army troops to avoid a showdown that could threaten safety of this camp. The Palestinian force is made up of 10 members each from Fatah, Usbat al-Ansar, Ansar Allah and the Alliance of Palestinian Forces. It is charged with keeping the security situation in the camp under control, while preventing the appearance of any of Jund al-Sham militants or any attacks on the LAF.

Both clinics in the camp operated normally since the 6th of June.

Medical Care

The Health Coordinator in the North is holding daily meetings with NGOs to discuss the relief activities mainly in the health domain. Coordination mechanisms have been agreed upon for referral of patients needing psychosocial support. Medications are provided by UNRWA.

All the preparations for the vaccination campaign against poliomyelitis and measles has been completed. Posters has been prepared and posted in conspicuous places in the camp and the displacement areas. Health teams were identified and allocated to various sectors of the camp and the displacement areas. The supplies for this campaign were sent to North Lebanon.

UNRWA health staff are in daily contact with PRCS and the Lebanese RC to coordinate health activities.

There has been no significant change in the incidence of common communicable diseases as reported by Beddawi clinic. The number of consultations at Beddawi clinic on the 7th of June was 522 for IDPs, 163 for Beddawi camp residents and 25 for IDPs in Tripoli and the surrounding villages.

A team of UNRWA Medical Officer and Nurse continued to visit the schools to check up on the health situation and counsel the families on public and personal hygiene.

The number of consultations since the 21st of May was as follows:

Beddawi clinic: displaced=10,676
Residents=3,319
Mina clinic: displaced=180
Residents=670
Mobile clinic: displaced=244

**Total: displaced=11,100
Residents=3989**

The number of children vaccinated since 21 May was:

N/Bared = 245
Beddawi =211
Mina = 63
TOTAL = 519

Number of patients admitted to Hospital

Safad PRCS =102
Islamic Hospital =48
Centre Hospitalier du Nord= 4

Total = 154

Environmental Health:

Cleaning tools and materials were distributed to the displaced families in the UNRWA schools to clean their rooms by themselves. Cleaning general areas in the schools and areas of displacement is done by UNRWA Sanitation Labourers.

An average of three million liters of disinfected potable water is supplied to the Beddawi camp inhabitants and displaced families from UNRWA water plants on daily basis.

Rigid water tanks were installed on hollow block bases in Beddawi camp as a stand by water supply system.

Twenty fabricated water tank distributors (manifolds) and tanks were installed.

Most N/Bared Camp sanitation labourers are working in Beddawi camp on double shift in schools.

Insect control for all camp sectors using fogging machine and manual sprayers is done regularly

Members of the sanitation team in Beddawi camp were supplied with additional overalls for labourers, kits for residual chlorine testing and chlorinators.

Two containers of 8 showers each were fixed in Kawkab UNRWA School including water supply and electricity connection.

One shower was fixed in sanitation office.

Two showers will be installed in the main water plant.

Three containers each of 8 showers were fixed in the Public Beddawi School for girls.

Two out of these were connected to sewers and water supply. Connection to electricity for providing warm water is going on.

Assistant Field Sanitary Engineer, Mr. Rachid Ajjawi has replaced Mr. Issam Samara for follow up on water and sanitation issues in the North north as of the 6th of June.

Sanitary rehabilitation works were carried out to areas of displaced refugees and shelters of hosting families in Beddawi camp.

Additional amounts of sanitary bags are being ordered for distribution to the displaced gatherings and schools.

Watsan cluster was met today Friday 8/6 where detailed planning and programme issues were discussed in relation to both Beddawi and N/Bared camps

Beddawi municipality has been requested to collect the refuse from sectors adjacent to Beddawi camp especially those to the east of Safad PRCS hospital and to the north of the camp. Absence of municipal authority collection of refuse and keeping the hygien of these sectors are imposing additional load on sanitation staff.

Contacts will be made with both Tripoli Water Authority and Tripoli Municipality to discuss water supply/testing and to facilitate refuse and rubble disposal from N/Bared camp in the near future.

Refuse dumpers are sustaining repeated breakdowns, a matter that would require hiring small pickups from time to time for refuse collection.