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The decline in the health conditions of the children infected with HIV/AIDS in Libya

By *Dr Faraj Atbaiga*

The AIDS issue in Libya, emerged into the open in the early 1999; When the Libyan government stopped a number of Bulgarians working in the health sector on suspicion of involvement in infecting hundreds of Libyan children with AIDS.

During the eight years of the age of the case; more than fifty children infected have died of the disease. Also a Palestinian doctor and five Bulgarian nurses have been sentenced to death after being convicted of infecting the children with the deadly virus.

At the time were we await the reinvestigation in this great crime against the children of Libya; and continue to provide them with assistance and implement the agreement signed with the European Union in the era of the former regime. Especially with regard to disbursing medical insurance cards for them and facilitate visa procedures and accommodation in the European Union.

We have noticed that the EU have forgotten their commitments; and abandonment in applying the institutes referred to. As a result, the current general conditions of the Libyan state, as noted by Alrassed International,

the dramatically increasing number of deaths among those patients as a result of lack of medicines, as known most of their medication and prescriptions has increased in price and therefore cannot be purchased by the patients,

Especially in light of the lack of liquidity of public finances of the government. We also observed deficiencies in equipment and medical solutions for their illness, not to mention most of the hospitals refused to receive these patients for fear of infection; resulting in failure to provide crucial medical care necessary for them, especially since all of them have concomitant diseases that require immediate assistance.

We've monitored some deaths among the patients, despite the lack of official sources,

- Hajer Akhalif – 13 September 2015
- Naji Alwershefani – 15 November 2015
- Zakaria Ayash – 13 November 2015
- Amina Abdullah Almagrabi – 2 February 2016
- Muhammed el-jarushe - 23 September 2016
- Amira Alsaite - 2 October 2016

With the presence of two cases in the intensive care unit during the month of October 2016.

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Alrassed Statement on the Bloody Clashes in Abu-Salim-Libya by Dr Abubakar Ahmed

Alrassed is following with deep concern and regret the clashes between the armed militias with heavy weapons, tanks and missiles in the Abu Salim district in the capital – Tripoli; a residential area resided by more than 300,000 citizen.

In this regards Alrassed International expresses its condemnation of endangering the lives of Libyan civilians & innocent people to the risk of being killed and injured, damaged houses and public and private property, and the concern of the situation of families and parents who are currently trapped in their homes, unable to get out to cover or to provide what they need from food, drinking water and medicine.

Alrassed International alerts domestic and foreign public opinion to the threats of the danger, fear and intimidation encountered by citizens in the stricken capital; and warns of those who are satisfied with the "negative spectator position" when viewing the Libyan situation. While surprised by the apparent lack of both visual and audible Libyan local media, who are mostly abstain from bring the reality of the suffering of the civilians to the world.

We call upon all relevant official and non-official parties, and the powers who are supposed to dominate the area, and all the fighting parties to bear national and historic responsibilities, and stop terrorizing innocent civilians, and allow the treatment of the injured and evacuate the wounded, the families and the elderly from the hostile areas.

Alrassed International urges all mentioned parties; to enable humanitarian relief organizations like the Libyan Red Crescent, access to emergency cases, children and families trapped in order to avoid a humanitarian catastrophe in the region.

In conclusion, Alrassed International calls upon all parties in the conflict which is taking place in the centre of Abu-Salim a populated residential area, and under intense fears of an escalation in the number of injuries and deaths, for an immediate cease-fire, in order to provide an opportunity for paramedics and neutral (non-aligned & independent) parties to exercise its humanitarian roles.

[Read the full report here.](#)



Picture of the clashed in Abu-Salim, Libya 24 February 2017

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A Libyan NGO, Al-Adala Awalan (Justice First) is organising the return of Displaced Libyans in Egypt

Al-Adala Awalan (Justice First) Foundation Announced, it has a moral and humane duty towards displaced Libyans abroad, as the organization revealed it has launch a humanitarian campaign under the slogan "the return of the citizen to the homeland", to urge and encourage civil society organizations, government and private and public companies to engage in this national and humanitarian work, until all the displaced return home.

The Foundation revealed through a statement that took place on 25.12.2016 signed a joint cooperation between the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs in the Libyan government represented by the minister, "Dr Masood Soweh" and Al-Adala Awalan foundation represented by the Chairman, "Hassan Tatannaki."

According to the agreement the Justice First Foundation, shall provide adequate housing and secure a monthly sum of money worth (1000 Libyan dinars) for the whole year only, starting from the entry of these families to their homeland; while the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, will study the social status of each family, with the provision of health services and Education and helping in the release of suspended salaries, the ministry and the foundation will handles and coordination with the elders and social leaders of the tribes of the host regions to embrace these families and support them socially.

The Foundation expects to have some offers of support – as it already received a warm welcome from the community.

PICTURES FROM THE AIRPORT ROAD CAMP

Pictures taken from Tawergha Youth Organisation on January 2017.



The water floods deep in to what looks like rooms of metal sheets.



Residents try to assist the water out of the camp using a long tube and other personal efforts.



IDP in Libya could freeze to death due to inadequate winter preparations

By [Dr Abubakar Ahmed](#)

The airport road camp, some 20 kilometres south of Tripoli, is home to around 2000 displaced people, many of whom are displaced people from Tawergha city. The camp is the largest among other two camps in the outskirts of the capital.

Today the Airport Road Camp, is swamped with rain water, only worsening conditions in this harsh winter in what looks like small rooms of cardboard and sheet metal, which accommodates families of 5+ individuals. Many of the children are wearing only thin sweaters and slippers/flip-flops; whereas men slept on concrete floors and plastic sheets – it gave off a choking view.

We spoke with Ahmed who told us “the cold is too much and most of the night we can’t sleep, we all sitting around the small fire, and rely on charity donations” he added “our only demand is to return to our homes in Tawergha city, every year they promise us ‘the return’, I don’t understand why is it that difficult”.

Without adequate housing and poor winter preparations, internal displaced residents may die as the country continues to be gripped by freezing winter weather. Parts of the country have seen more than a metre of rain floods over the weekend, and communication lines and roads are out of action on several regions.

Local charities and international aid organisations have help from time to time

with donations, provided some shelter material, and other non-medical supplies. However it is a small portion that scarcely satisfies the whole camp.

With no functioning government to provide support, there are more than 490,000 displaced People inside Libya, and they have nowhere to run too. The number of displaced inside and outside Libya has grown since the political struggle in 2013. While political groups struggle over power and the UNSMIL struggles to understand the political situation, Tawerghan people are still facing racism and mass displacement in their own country.

Alrassed International has called on the relevant authorities to intervene and to preserve the lives of civilians and the protection of human rights and work to hold the perpetrators accountable. Our first priority is to build up pressure on key figures within the Libyan government and the various bodies or companies, which have influence or power to change the inhuman condition of the Tawerghan civilians.

Libya must pursue its future on a solid grounding of equality, justice and respect for the rule of law and human rights.

Ensuring the safe return, protection and support of Tawerghans will greatly contribute to this effort and is vital to a successful attempt at national resolution.

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Donations to Mosul Camps by Ahmed Sabaawi

Alrassed International has been able to collect a large sum of donations from the generous community in the North East. This campaign was launched after our visit to Al Amal Al Manshood Camp in Dora, on the 26th of August 2016. With the help of the Children Bringing Change Charity & the Iraqi Students Society Newcastle and we would also like to thank everyone who contributed to the campaign.

Our team of volunteers have organised the donations and segmented it based on the age, sex and size. The next day, we labelled and packaged the cloths – to ease the distribution process and to fit the container that will be shipped to Iraq. The cost of the container was £480 + other packaging and transport costs £53 (900-480-53=£367 cash in hand) – the remaining cash will be used to finance further donations (cloths, school essentials etc.) to the camps.

On 17 January 2017 the donations were sent to the displaced people in Mosul, who are much in need of these supplies to cope with the harsh winter in the camps; it is expected to reach the camps on the 10th February, which will be received by our partner Faz3a organisation, who will undertake the distribution of these supplies to the refugee camps around Mosul city. It is expected to benefit around 50 families.

“The community was helpful, I was amazed with the amount of help that we had. To be fair more than half of the donations came through the Children Bringing Change Charity - It is an English Iraqi organization was founded here in the United Kingdom for the purpose of helping the children of Iraq. We had donations on the 3rd December 2016 & and the second was on the 31st December 2016 – we also have managed to collect number of cloths donations and a sum of £900 – which was all sent to the camps in Mosul.” Said Ahmed Sabaawi, our country director for Iraq.

The outcome of the donations

- Children coats × 49
- Men’s Coats × 18
- Women’s Coats × 61
- kids T-shirts/shirts and sweatshirts 316
- Women’s T-shirts/shirts and sweatshirts 105
- Men’s T-shirts/shirts and sweatshirts 51
- Children’s Pants/trousers 139
- Women’s Pants/trousers 35
- Men’s Pants/trousers 36

The total number of pieces = 810

Total Financial donations: £900 pounds

In addition to a wide range of gloves, packaging, towels and footwear.

The campaign is still continuing – we hope to send additional supplies to other camps around Iraq.

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Libya: A Human rights commission Revealed legal transgressions inside a prison for Gaddafi loyalists.

Tripoli 22 February 2017, A Libyan Human rights commission monitored number of legal irregularities in "Alhadba" prison in the capital Tripoli, calling for international organizations to send observers to see the humanitarian and legal situation of the detainees in prison.

The Commission said in a their statement, that the information and reports from inside Alhadba prison "Which is controlled by armed terrorist groups & outlaws", has reported a radical change in the guard, security, and supervisors of the prison sections, and replacing them with members of Shura Council of Benghazi - and members of the terrorist organization "Ansar al-Sharia". This change carries risks to the lives and safety of prisoners and detainees, who in total are more than 2,000 prisoners inside these walls. Most of the prisoners are from the former regime; who are charged of working in the national security, military and political fields during the former regime.

Adding that what this change (members of prison guards) was accompanied by practices of physical and psychological torture abuse and harsh treatments, such as being deprived from sleeping, provoke anxiety and moral coercion and assaulting their human rights. In addition to the denial of health care and not permitting any visits by their relatives.

The Commission warned at the conclusion of its statement, of the consequences of committing a massacre in the prison by these extremist groups, similar to the crimes and violations committed against prisoners of Abu-hdama carried by Shura Council of Benghazi and Ansar al-Sharia groups, abducted over two years ago.

The National Commission for Human Rights also called upon the Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in the United Nations, The need to expedite the sending of international observers to see the humanitarian and legal situation of detainees.



Libya: The Crime of Displacing 24 families in Al-kumis

London, United Kingdom 27 January 2017. Our sources in Libya monitored the criminal action of displacing 24 families in Al-kumis city – in Al-tahlia area.

These families belong to Almaalh tribe, and the displacement was carried out by members of the Al-kumis Military Council - led by Mustafa SaadAllah. The Families are in a very bad living condition- some of the families are living in one room in the outskirts. A woman refused to get out of her house during the incident, which led Military Council to burn part of her house to force her out.

The displacement was because a member of the military council was killed; and the accusations were addressed to one of the tribe's member. Knowingly, the suspect and his family and 7 other families of his relatives were displaced for more than a year, after the military council attack on Al-tahlia area in 2015 and took control.



Alrased International is a human rights monitor. Our aim is to raise awareness of abuses that take place within the Middle- East and North Africa regions. We currently have active campaigns focused on the displacement of people within Libya and Iraq.

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