



***"Palestinian of Syria between Homelessness and  
Lebanese Racism"***

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*"To be a Palestinian refugee in Lebanon means that you will be (losing Identification papers) and grandson of a lost identity papers, and a grandfather of a lost identity papers, then you carry your problem in a useless journey to find the papers in vain to avoid security arrests, not fear of prison bars, but for Hunger affects children who are waiting for their father daily fare and their daily bread".*

*By these simple and acronym words, the author 'Samer Manna' explains the tragedy of the Palestinian refugees in Lebanon, in his book "to be a Palestinian in Lebanon, whereby to be a displaced Palestinian from Syria to Lebanon, the calamity is greater". It means that you loosen your rights, forbidden to enter into Lebanon, legally wanted, unwelcome while you are under arrest and deportation at any moment. It also mean that you will be treated with disdain and contempt by Lebanese security forces, who are too despotism to tell a Palestinian man, who decide to leave Lebanon "You are unwelcome in our land and we do not want to see any Palestinians in Lebanon".!!*

*The words of the Lebanese officer did not came out of nothing, it is based on the accumulation of a previous statements made by a number of Lebanese officials. The former Lebanese Minister of Energy and Water and Current Foreign Minister "Jubran Baseil", a member of " Change and Reform " movement, led by Michel Aoun, on December 23, 2012, has called for the necessity of deportation of displaced Syrians and Palestinians out of Lebanon, saying that they were taking the place of the Lebanese, and urged to think about deporting them to neighboring countries such as Jordan, Turkey and the Turkish part of Cyprus.*



*Basil added, in a speech on the Lebanese Wine Day activities, “When we say we do not want the displaced Syrians and Palestinians to take our place, so it must be carried out with actions not with words, by their presence, work and living, they take Lebanese people’s place”.*

*The Minister and former MP Lebanese politician “Eli Ferzalli” in an electronic seminar organized by European Arab Center for Studies, located at Paris on 2/9/2012, predicted that Palestinians of Syria should migrate to Jordan in order to settle there. While Secretary General of the Lebanese Democratic Party, “Walid Barakat” demanded the need to re- displace Syrians to “safe zones “in Syria and the Palestinians to Palestine through the Gaza Strip because Lebanon is unable to accommodate them.*

*As the Lebanese border guards, on 11/8/2013 prevented about 100 Palestinian refugees from entering Lebanon to discriminate between them and other Syrians willing to enter Lebanon.*

*All of this comes under flimsy justifications from the Lebanese government for fears of resettlement of Palestinian refugees, an obsession that worries many Lebanese parties, prompting a lot of ministers and Lebanese political figures to publicly demanding prevent the entry of Palestinian refugees fleeing their lives from entering Lebanon.*

*Lebanese Government shows that fears by taking several decisions that would “tighten the noose on the Palestinian refugees from Syria coming to Lebanon or its residents, leading to the expulsion or return them to Syria that they fled out of fear of death. The Lebanese Authorities released a decision on 3 / 5/2014 prevents the entry of Palestinian refugees from Syria to Lebanon and asked the concerned Syrian authorities to stop issuing travel permits to Lebanon to the owners of Palestinian Syrian identity and required the presence of the prior consent of the Lebanese General Security before granting the permit. Where entering the Palestinian refugee inventory special cases only.*

*It has also on 4th of May 2014 deported (49) Palestinian and Syrian refugees to Syria, and till now the Lebanese authorities still refrain from*



*renewal of residence of any Palestinian refugees from Syria, which led to 60% of those are now currently living in Lebanon without residences.*

*Finally, this clear violation of international covenants and conventions and domestic laws of Lebanon in light of the Syrian crisis should not be tolerated, which is a clear violation of international law and international humanitarian law, that prohibits the government to close the border in the face of fleeing civilians from combat zones as well as the repercussions of the decision on the social Palestinian fabric where Palestinian families are divided between Syria and Lebanon.*