



## Exiled and suffering: Palestinian refugees in Lebanon

Most of the several hundred thousand Palestinian refugees in Lebanon live in appalling conditions. Their abysmal situation highlights the failure of successive governments in Israel, Lebanon and the international community to respect and protect their rights or find a sustainable and just solution to their plight over a period of nearly 60 years.

For these Palestinians, the pain associated with living for so long in exile is being aggravated by systematic discrimination against them. Their statelessness has been used by the Lebanese authorities to deny them equal rights with Lebanese nationals and other non-Lebanese nationals. The life is being choked out of their communities, forcing the young and healthy to seek jobs abroad and condemning the rest to a daily struggle for survival.

This report focuses on the abuse of Palestinians' rights in the areas of housing, employment, healthcare and education and the plight of so-called non-ID Palestinians – those without any official registration. While recognizing that Lebanon has shown great generosity towards Palestinians over the years, the report condemns the discriminatory restrictions they face and calls on the authorities to end them. It also calls on the international community to help find a durable solution for Palestinian refugees that fully respects and protects their human rights, including their right to return, and to provide financial and technical assistance to Lebanon to enable it to extend the highest possible level of protection to its Palestinian refugee population.

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