

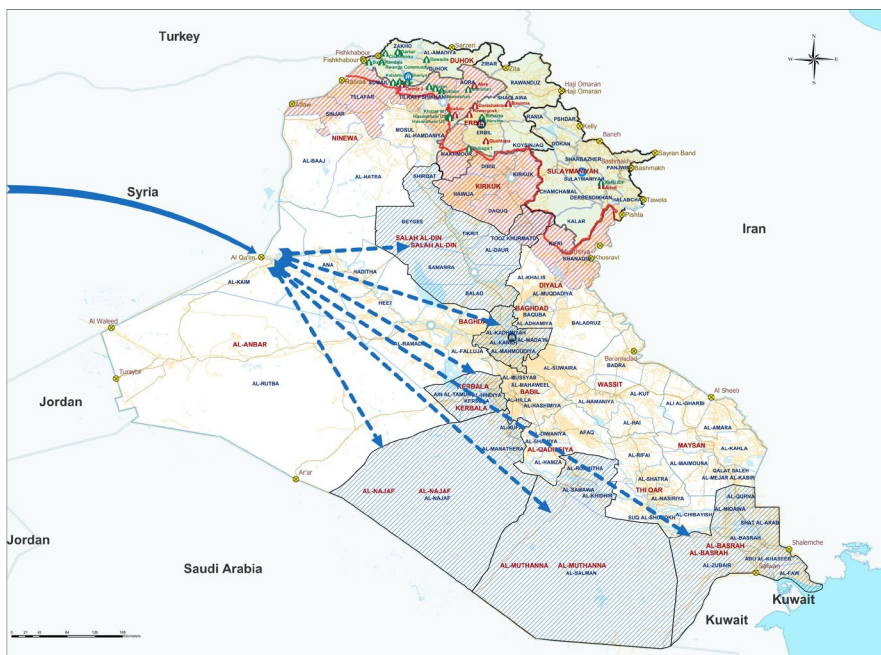
Update on Displacement from Lebanon

6 October 2024

Data referenced is based on information UNHCR has collated from Government sources and partners between 27 September and 5 October.

Situation Overview

- On 5 October, Iraq received 626 Lebanese through Al-Qaim border crossing. As announced by the Ministry of Interior, this brings the total number of Lebanese who have arrived in Iraq to 5,693 since the escalation of hostilities in Lebanon through various points including the Al-Qaim border crossing and airports in Baghdad and Najaf.
- Most Lebanese arrivals to Iraq are currently hosted in Najaf and Karbala. In addition, there have been reports of Lebanese arriving in Basra (22 families), Samawa (30 families) and Salah al-Din (72 families).
- UNHCR in Iraq is actively liaising with other UNHCR offices in the region to better understand the broader patterns of population movement into Iraq caused by the hostilities in Lebanon.



- Access to the population entering through the Al-Qaim border crossing remains restricted to government authorities and the Iraqi Red Crescent Society (IRCS), who primarily assist with medical cases. Transportation is provided by Ministry of transportation and Al-Ataba Al-Alwiya.

- Women and children account for 69% of the population in Najaf, with nearly 50% of households

among the new Lebanese arrivals being headed by women. While Lebanese arrivals have access to national services, including healthcare, it is reported that these services are increasingly stretched and overwhelmed. In Najaf, two births have been reported by UNHCR's partner LCN among the new arrivals, and the Lebanese population is seeking additional assistance, including medicine and sanitary products for women.

- Private accommodation facilities hosting the Lebanese new arrivals in Najaf and Karbala are reportedly nearing capacity. In Najaf, UNHCR is in touch with the private committee supporting the population to understand their additional needs.

These sections contain information on the recent displacement of Lebanese nationals arriving in Iraq over the past week. Some points may reiterate details from previous Flash Updates for ease and relevance.

UNHCR and Partner Presence

- UNHCR and its partner the International Rescue Committee (IRC) remain present at the Al-Qaim border. UNHCR is advocating with the Government to get full access to the new arrivals at the border given the current limitations in place to access and monitor new arrivals from Lebanon.
- Through its partner, the Legal Clinics Network (LCN), UNHCR is also present in Najaf, Karbala, Baghdad, Salah al-Din and other Governorates maintaining contact with local authorities to gather information on the arrival of Lebanese nationals in these areas.
- UNHCR has deployed staff to Al-Qaim, Najaf and Baghdad. UNHCR is also liaising with government and local authorities so as to gather information on the government plans.. .

Government of Iraq Response

- On 05 October, [the Minister of Migration and Displacement visited Karbala](#) to discuss mechanisms to support Lebanese families. During her visit, the Minister met with the Governor of Karbala and representatives of the two holy shrines to discuss the provision of humanitarian assistance to Lebanese citizens including the allocation of shelter.
- Following a directive from the Iraqi Prime Minister's, Lebanese citizens without a valid passport are allowed to enter Iraq using an identity card, an individual or family civil status extract, or an expired passport. In addition, the Iraqi government, in coordination with the Lebanese embassy in Syria, has also expedited travel processes, ensuring that Lebanese citizens without passports can receive emergency travel documents, allowing them entry to the country.
- [The Government of Iraq has committed to include Lebanese arrivals in national systems.](#) Iraq's Minister of Education has issued instructions advising schools in Iraq to host students and pupils coming from Lebanon to avoid depriving them of studying this year. In addition, Lebanese arrivals to Iraq have access to national public health services.