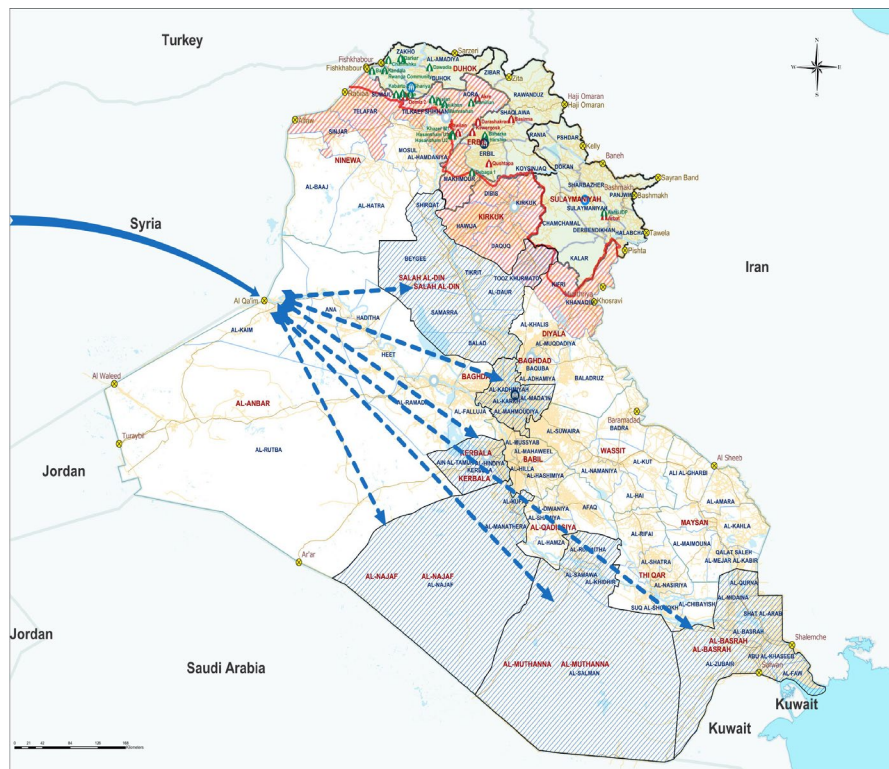


Update on Displacement from Lebanon

7 October 2024

Data referenced is based on information UNHCR has collated from Government sources and partners between 27 September and 6 October.

Situation Overview



- On 6 October, Iraq received **897 Lebanese** through **Al-Qaim** border crossing. This brings the total number of Lebanese who have arrived in Iraq to **over 6,000** since the escalation of hostilities in Lebanon through various points including the Al-Qaim border crossing and airports in Baghdad and Najaf.

- Given the increasing numbers of Lebanese arrivals through Al-Qaim, the Government is providing transport to take the new arrivals to other locations in Iraq, although there is sometimes a delay in the availability of buses with new arrivals having to wait at the border overnight.

Transportation is currently provided by Ministry of transportation and Al-Ataba Al-Alwiya.

- Most Lebanese arrivals to Iraq are currently hosted in **Najaf and Karbala**. In addition, there have been reports of Lebanese arriving in Ninewa (8 families), Basra (**22 families**), Samawa (30 families) and Salah al-Din (72 families). The local authorities in these Governorates have designated residential buildings in these areas to accommodate the new Lebanese arrivals, although many Lebanese are also reportedly staying with friends and family.
- Approximately 50% of households among the new Lebanese arrivals are reportedly headed by women**. 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.

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, Karbala 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 06 October, [Iraqi Prime Minister Mohammed Shia al-Sudani](#) warned US President Joe Biden and European Union leaders on Sunday that the Middle East is on the verge of a "dangerous slippery slope" that could lead to prolonged wars, threatening global stability. In a letter addressed to Biden and EU leaders, al-Sudani cautioned that the region is facing escalating threats due to the ongoing Israeli war with Palestinian group Hamas in Gaza, which has expanded into neighbouring Lebanon.
- 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.