



### CAMP POLITICAL/SECURITY NEWS

#### Nahr el-Bared (NBC) progress

- In an interview with the Lebanese newspaper *An-Nahar* on 24 April, Lebanese Army Commander General Jean Kahwaji said that the issue of Palestinian weapons outside the refugee camps is political and that the government will address it when appropriate. He mentioned that the most difficult situation is inside Ein el-Hilweh camp, but that the overall security situation in and around the refugee camps remains under control. In response to a question on Nahr el-Bared camp, Kahwaji said they are coordinating with UNRWA on the construction of the camp; and have agreed on certain issues and imposed restrictions on others, such as the height of the buildings and the width of the streets. Kahwaji confirmed that the Lebanese Armed Forces (LAF) will be establishing a naval base by the sea shore, in addition to the already existing barracks.
- In Burj el-Barajneh, on 23 April, clashes broke out between Islamic Jihad and one important family affiliated with the Islamic Jihad regarding the ownership and management of Al-Forqan mosque. No casualties were reported and a meeting was held a few days later to try to solve the dispute.
- In Rashidieh camp, further to the 13 April incident between two drug users, a new incident between two drug users involving an exchange of fire occurred on 23 April. One sustained a serious injury. When the Fatah/PLO tried to arrest the shooter they were fired on by his family and two Fatah/PLO members were injured: the shooter was detained and handed over to the LAF.
- In Mar Elias camp, on 25 April, a member of an extremist group fired at a refugee who was intoxicated. The latter sustained a light injury.

### UNRWA OPERATIONS

#### Nahr el-Bared (NBC) progress

- The sit-ins that took place in NBC Adjacent Areas from 19-23 April are temporarily over, but as of this week, demonstrations on NBC started in Beirut, which are likely to continue until 20 May, the 3rd anniversary of the conflict. Initiated by the NBC displaced refugees living in other camps, the demonstrations are aimed at bringing attention to the funding crisis and the need to accelerate the camp's reconstruction.

## Engaging Arab donors

- The Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Qatar, H.E. Hamad Bin Jassim Bin Jabr Al-Thani visited Lebanon during the reporting week and met with Lebanese Prime Minister Saad Hariri. Among other things, the Lebanese Prime Minister brought up the issue of NBC reconstruction and asked for Qatar's support.

## RESCATE representative visits shelters in South

- Nedal Al Heja, Delegate for the Middle East from the Spanish NGO RESCATE visited Burj el-Shemali camp and Jal el-Bahr gathering to review shelter conditions. He met with a group of women volunteers in Burj el-Shemali who have been actively involved in the shelter rehabilitation project funded by the United Arab Emirates Red Crescent. This first ever women's committee in the camp has been working in cooperation with UNRWA staff to disseminate information to the community on the shelter project.

## Health Mobile Information Unit



As part of a project funded by the UN's Central Fund for Influenza Action, the Health Department launched a Health Mobile Information Unit, which will travel across Lebanon in May-June 2010, visiting UNRWA` schools, clinics and Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS) hospitals. The Mobile Information Unit team will run educational sessions, games and other health activities for adults and children, and will also show two films: a cartoon on Pandemic Influenza for children produced by LFO, and "Fatenah", a film about breast cancer awareness produced by a filmmaker from Gaza.



Health Mobile Information Unit activities in UNRWA School

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