

Jeb Jenin prison

How it was and how it became

As part of his work in Lebanese prisons Khiam Rehabilitation Center for Victims of Torture got a grant from the Australian Embassy in Beirut within Direct Aid project (DAP) that has been approved for the processing of Jeb Jenin prison medical clinic for preview and includes medical instruments in addition to some electrical equipment.

In the first visit to the prison on 16.3.2015 was after getting the approval to implement the project and aimed to discuss the needs of the prison with the administration of the prison, which they consider a priority for prison and has been edited on the list tools.



(صور للغرفة قبل التجهيز)

The meeting was with the director of the prison, who is managing the prison from four and a half years. Prison is located in the basement of the Palace of Justice of Jeb Jenin prison, there is 120 prisoners spread over three rooms (60 Syria) (only 21 of the total number are sentenced) the most crimes are: theft, drugs, written by armed gangs ... also the prison include a kitchen and a very small courtyard in addition of two administrators room and the director room. During the visit we can see that the prison suffers from dereliction and need maintenance.

The mayor of the region has given a room for the prison for the development of a medical clinic. This room is currently used as a repository for the

purposes of the elements and has to be cleaned and painted to be ready for processing medical instruments.



(صورة للغرفة التي كانت تستعمل كمخزن)

After this step, all equipments was sent to the prison, it's include:
Tentiometer Mercury, Stethoscope duplex, Otoscope Kawe, Machine
3Cahnnel diagnostic, Glucose monitor set, Snellen eye chart, Sterilizer,
Cautary, Ultrasound, Fridge, Cooler, Microwave, Medical Fridge, Projector
for examination, Pharmacy , Office , Chair, Files desk, TV, Computer,
Steles Evacuee, Gaz Heater, Gas stove.



(Pictures of some medical supplies)

After that the Centre conducted a second visit to the prison to make sure that they receipt the medical and electric equipments.



(Pictures from some electric equipment)

On 05.07.2015 the project was launched and handed over to the General Director of the Internal Security Forces, General Ibrahim Basbous in a ceremony held at the headquarters of the General Directorate of Internal Security Forces in the presence of the Australian ambassador in Beirut, Ambassador Glenn Miles. Where secretary-general of Khiam center

Mohammed Safa delivered the project to Basbous and discussed prison conditions in Lebanon.

"We met with Director General of the Internal Security Forces Major General Ibrahim Basbous in his office with the Ambassador of Australia in Lebanon Glenn Miles and a delegation of Khiam Rehabilitation Center for Victims of Torture included the secretary-general Mohammed Safa and member of the administrative body Omar Khaled where Direct Aid Project was launched to the processing of Jenin prison medical clinic and electric equipments.

At the beginning, welcome of Major General Ibrahim Basbous then Safa announced the project

After the speech of Safa, the Australian ambassador spoke emphasized the process of rehabilitation of prisoners as noted in the description of his experience and accept Australia about the prisoners and how they have been rehabilitated and how to deal with prisoners extremists.

For his part, Major General Basbous thank the Australian ambassador to the support they gave to prison Jeb Jenin and praised the work of the Khiam Center, stressing the rehabilitation process must be the foundation, but Lebanon is facing difficulties and overcrowding preclude this process, noting that prisons accommodate 2,500 prisoners only while the current number of 7,500 prisoners He said the quest to build new prisons to address the issue of prisons

Major General Basbous also handed each of the Australian Ambassador Mohammed Safa and shields token of fulfillment and appreciation to the attention to the issue of prisons.

For his part, Safa handed over the project to Basbous and thanked him for the reception and the launch of the project from his office and thanked the Australian ambassador as well" .



On 17.06.2015, as part of 26 June activities “UN international day for supporting Victims of Torture” , the center provide the prison administration with medicines(non-chronic) which we get from the Ministry of Health to be used in medical consultations to be submitted to the prison.

On 06.14.2015 Secretary General of Khiam Rehabilitation Center of victims of torture, Mohammed Safa, accompanied by programs coordinated Lina Dana, the Ambassador of Australia Glenn Miles at the Embassy.

Safa thanks the embassy for the project in Jeb Jenine prison medical and electrical equipments within the direct aid project.

Then it was a discussion about the conditions and the need of Lebanese prison and the importance to have an urgent government plan to improve and declare a governmental emergency and to accelerate the judicial trials and the formation of the national preventive mechanism to prevent torture.



IRCT member in Lebanon launches medical clinic for prisoners

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To address issues such as overcrowding, poor health and inadequate living conditions in Lebanese prisons, IRCT member Khiam Rehabilitation Center for Victims of Torture has launched a medical clinic in the Jeb Jenin prison in Beirut. The clinic, which is the first of its kind in Lebanon, includes a range of medical and electrical equipment and employs three nurses.

“We have seen first-hand how Lebanese prisons lack basic resources and how inmates suffer from overcrowding, the slow pace of trials and poor health. The majority of prisons do not meet international standards and there is a great need to build new and better prisons that offer rehabilitation, education and training,” says Mr. Mohammed Safa, Secretary-General of Khiam Rehabilitation Center for Victims of Torture.

Funded by the Australian Embassy in Beirut, the clinic is expected to benefit more than a hundred inmates whose health and wellbeing have suffered from their time in prison.

“By launching a medical clinic at the Jeb Jenin prison, we aim to provide inmates with much needed medical care and rehabilitation services. Our hope is that over time, we will see similar projects in other prisons across Lebanon,” continues Mr. Safa.

The equipment will be administered by the prison while Khiam staff such as doctors, psychologists and social workers are expected to visit the prison regularly.

Since 1999, Khiam has been rehabilitating thousands of survivors of torture. The centre was established as a result of the experience of the follow-up Committee for the Support of Lebanese Detainees in Israeli Prisons in defending the torture survivors and dealing with the needs of their families. Khiam provides its clients with both medical and psychological treatment.

**Speech of the Secretary General of Khiam Rehabilitation Centre for
Victims of Torture Mohammed Safa**

in ceremony to lunch the project medical clinic in Jeb Jenin prison

First we would like to thank the Australian Embassy in Beirut and the Ambassador Glenn Miles and to the Australian Government for the project of direct aid processing Jeb Jenin prison medical clinic and medical different electrical and tools that benefits of this project one hundred and twenty prisoners healthy and socially. The issue of Prisons in Lebanon is one of the social and national issues and chronic who could not all be addressed Lebanese governments drastically. We believe at Khiam Center and through our experience in prisons, Lebanon's prisons need everything, and suffer from overcrowding and the slow pace of trials and poor health and living conditions the maximum and the need to build new prisons, because most of the prisons do not apply the international standards for prisons.

Very briefly, the problem of prisons in Lebanon goes beyond everything that is said about them, it is not only security, judicial and overcrowding, healthy and buildings are not valid. In our opinion, the problem of prisons is the absence of a modern civilized project, transferred from prison to the traditional concept of punitive to a qualifying institution and cultural institution and most prisons in the world are schools which graduate artists and painters and professionals.

Prisons are for rehabilitation, education and training, and without this view, even if we built a modern prisons, the prisons crisis going on unless re-examined the current law prisons and pass a modern law prevents modern prisons to schools for repair and rehabilitation.

We have the honor to implement direct aid project funded by the Australian Embassy in Jeb Jenin prison equipped medical clinic and electric tools received by Jeb Jenin prison administration.

We lunch the project and give it to the HE Director General of the Internal Security Forces Major General Ibrahim Basbous and renew our thanks to the Ambassador of Australia Mr. Glenn Miles and we hope that this project becomes an annual tradition processing of other prisons in various Lebanese regions.