

Program

Visit of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Danish Folketing/Parliament to Lebanon and Jordan

12 – 17 May 2013

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Time	Activity	Comments
Sunday 12/05		
21:50	Arrival and transport to hotel	Evening walk, if energy
Monday 13/05		
07.30-08.30	Breakfast	
08.30-09.30	Briefing at the hotel	amb. Jan Top Christensen og amb. Rolf Holmboe
09.30-10.30	Transport	
10.30-13.15	Briefing by DRC(and UNHCR) plus visits to Syrian refugee families	
13.15-14.30	Transport to lunch	Incl. representatives from DRC
16.00-18.00	Transport to Beirut	
20.15	Transport to Danish Residence	
20.30-23.00	Working dinner	Theme: The Syrian Crisis and regional consequences Discussion with a group of specialist: Nadim Houry, Human Rights Watch, Rami Khoury, AUB, Yezid Sayigh, senior fellow Carnegie Middle East Center (see CV's)
Tuesday 14/05		
07.30-09.00	Breakfast	
09.00-10.00	Meeting at hotel with Christians and Muslims from Syria	Incl. Rev. Rias Jarjour, Member of Christian-Muslim Dialogue Group and Founder of Forum for Development and Dialogue (partner of Danmission)
10.30-11.30	Meeting with Parliament's Foreign Policy Committee	Per tradition the President of the committee invites all members, and those interested show up on the day
11.30-11.45	Transport	
11.45-12.15	Meeting with caretaker Prime Minister Najib Mikati	Theme: Syrian crisis, Lebanon's handling of effects of Syrian crisis
12.15-12.30	Transport	
12.30-13.15	(TBC) Meeting with designate Prime Minister Tammam Salam	Theme: Syrian crisis, Lebanon's handling of effects of Syrian crisis
14.00.15.30	Working lunch with UN-	

	representatives from UNHCR, UNICEF and UNRWA	
15.30-16.00	Transport	
16.00-17.30	Visit to UNRWA refugee camp	Incl. with Palestinian refugees from Syria
17.30	Transport to hotel	Refreshing and time for talking to Lebanese journalists
19.00	Check out	
19.30	Informal dinner	Incl. time for talking to Danish journalists
21.30	Transport to the Airport	
23.10	Departure	
01.00	Arrival	Check-in at Hotel
Wednesday 15/5		
09.00-09.45	Breakfast	Meet Consul General Rudain Kawar; Head of the Danish Program Office in Amman, Jens Haarløv
10.00-11.00	Meet UN Representatives to discuss Syrian humanitarian crisis and impact on Jordan	Overview of the refugee situation in Jordan. UNCHR, UNICEF and WFP participate
11.30-12.30	Meet Editor Daoud Kuttab, Radio Balad	Daoud Kuttab is a defender of freedom of the press and a sharp commentator. Works with Danish International Media Support, IMS
12.45-14.00	Working Lunch with Minister for International Cooperation Ibrahim Saif	Saif was appointed in March 2013. He has a background in economics and social research, latest at Carnegie's Center in Beirut. He is of Palestinian origin
14.30-15.30	Meeting with Jordan's Minister for Foreign Affairs, Nasser Judeh	Judeh has survived a number of Government reshuffles. He has earlier been Government spokesperson and Information Minister. He is married to a member of the royal family
16.00-17.30	Meeting with representatives from the Syrian community in Jordan	alQuds Centre is an independent research institute. Director Mr. Oraib Rantawi will organize the discussion.
19.00	Informal dinner with Danes from UN, EU and NGOs	The dialogue will bring an insight to various aspects of the Danish presence in Jordan
Thursday 16/5		
08.00-12.30	Visit to Syrian refugees in Jordan	Briefing in the vehicles and walk-and-brief around the camp with UNHCR. Lunch boxes will be served on the way back
13.30-14.30	Meet members of Jordan's Parliament's Foreign Affairs Committee	Issues: the Syrian refugee crisis in Jordan, the priorities of the Committee, and views on political reform in Jordan
15.30-16.30	Meet Arab Reporters for Investigative Journalism, ARIJ and its Director Rana Sabbagh	ARIJ is a longstanding Danish partner promoting investigative, independent journalism. ARIJ has grown to be present in a number of Arab countries. ARIJ's annual conference is the largest media gathering in the Arab world

19.00	Dinner with political analysts, opinion makers and refugee resource persons	This will provide an opportunity to discuss the most difficult questions linked to political reform and the refugee situation in Jordan and the region
Friday 17/5		
08:45-09.00	Check out of hotel	
09.00-11:45	Departure to some of the best preserved Roman architecture in the region	Ancient Gerasa or Antioch with 20-25.000 inhabitants in the 2 nd century AD. Was part of Decapolis – 10 cities on the Eastern front of the Roman Empire with Greek-Roman culture
12.00	Lunch with political guests	
13.00	Departure from restaurant to airport	
16.00	Departure	