



Weekly Report

Syrian Arab Republic

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Syrian refugee children forced to work in harsh conditions to help their families pay for food and shelter

- Aid organization CARE reports that at least 50,000 Syrian refugee children in Lebanon are forced to work to earn for their families, often earning as little as five dollars a day for twelve hours of work in harsh and unsafe conditions.
- The group found that only half of all Syrian refugee children in the region are able to attend school.
- Source: Reuters

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/06/12/us-syria-crisis-children-idUSKBN0EN0VQ20140612>

Former UN envoy warns that Syria is becoming a failed state run by warlords

- Lakhdar Brahimi, former UN Special Envoy to Syria, who resigned recently, stated that Syria is becoming a Somalia-style failed state.
- Mr. Brahimi asserted that the “conflict is not going to stay inside Syria,” and called for concerted efforts to a political solution.
- The conflict has already drawn in regional powers and foreign jihadists.
- Source: The Guardian

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2014/jun/08/warnings-of-risk-syrian-conflict-may-spread-beyond-its-borders>

“[Syria] will not be divided, as many have predicted. It’s going to be a failed state, with warlords all over the place.”

– Lakhdar Brahimi, Former UN Special Envoy to Syria

Iraq-based militants fighting for unrecognized state make gains in bid to control eastern Syria

- The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights report that the Jihadist militant group Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL or ISIS) have undertaken a six week offensive in northeastern Syria that has killed 600 fighters and forced 130,000 civilians to flee.
- The Jihadist group, recently reported to have been responsible for a raid that killed 7 children in northern Syria, now allegedly controls most of the northeast bank of the Euphrates. The group has also made startling gains in northern Iraq, recently overtaking the provincial government headquarters in Mosul.
- Source: Reuters

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/06/10/us-syria-crisis-rebels-idUSKBN0EL10R20140610>