



## Belated Eid celebrations for Syrian refugee children





As part of Islamic Relief's work in providing psychosocial programmes aimed at alleviating the trauma and scars of displaced Syrian children due to the ongoing violence in Syria, our team in Lebanon organised a belated Eid-ul-Adha entertainment day for Syrian refugees in Lebanon.

Islamic Relief Lebanon transformed a building into an amusement park consisting of jumping tents, slides and inflatable games for the children to enjoy. Clowns and cartoon figures including the popular SpongeBob character performed shows, played and sang with the children.

Children could be seen singing, running and playing throughout the day with the sounds of laughter echoing the halls of the building.

Along with games and shows, the children were served lunch by Islamic Relief staff and bags of biscuits, crisps, juice and chocolate were given to the children. At the end of the day, Eid presents and Eid cards made by children in the UK with supporting messages for Syrian refugee children were distributed to the children.

"It's such a change to see smiles on the faces of the children," explains Islamic Relief's Innas-el-Kadiri, "They need programmes like this to help them recover from what they have experienced."



“I am so happy today. I got to play lots of games and slide on the slides, it was so much fun. This Eid, we didn’t do anything, we didn’t even get new clothes. I had no money to go to the amusement park or buy chocolates. I heard we are getting presents today; I am so excited, thank you!”



5-year-old Warde

“I am so excited about my gift. I can make a necklace and a bracelet! It is so colourful and nice.”



6-year-old Safaa

“I came with my friends today. It was so much fun, the sliding was great. I was afraid I would break my glasses but thank God I didn’t. I got to race with my friend Ahmad on the fire game. It was so cool.”



9-year-old Sari





**11-year-old Khaled (pictured on left)**

“Thank you for today, it felt like Eid. My parents have no money so I didn’t get anything for Eid this year. I couldn’t even ask my parents to take me anywhere because it would be so sad for them. My dad is still looking for a job so until he gets one, my sisters and I can’t get anything for Eid”

**9-year-old Donia (pictured in middle)**

“The clown was the most fun today. This is the most fun I’ve had in a long time. Back in Syria, there was so much killing, we couldn’t go anywhere. Here my parents have no money to take us anywhere or buy us anything. Thank you for today, I really enjoyed it. You got us presents as well. Thanks a lot!”

**Albatoul (pictured on right)**

“I wish my friend was here with me today- she is still in Homs. I have no idea if she is still alive. If she was here, we would have made accessories with the present I received. But I will still make some and keep it until we return to Syria and then I can give it to her inshallah.”



Islamic Relief Staff distributing Eid Cards made by children in the UK with supporting messages for Syrian refugees.



Syrian children reading their Eid cards