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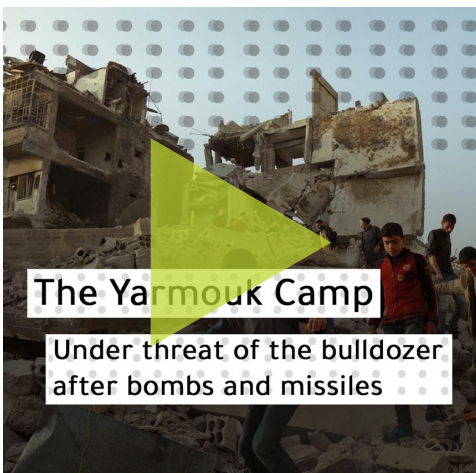
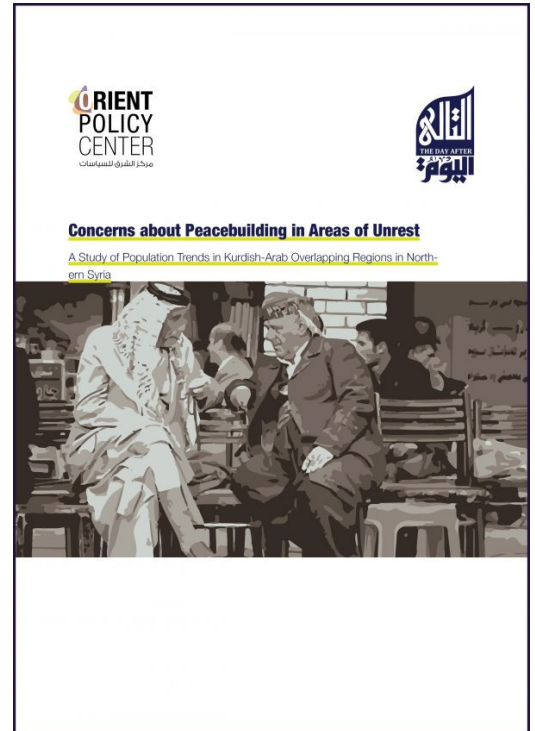
Supporting Democratic Transition In Syria

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## SYRIANS IDENTIFY THREATS AND SOLUTIONS TO PEACE IN THE NORTH AND NORTHEAST

Peacebuilding remains a high priority in northern Syria, where armed factions and ethnic tensions threaten to spark sectarian violence. In a new TDA report, community members in four northern cities identified the primary threats to peace in their area, including the spread of arms, the presence of militias, and the absence of law enforcement. Public opinion was divided on peacebuilding solutions, with around one-third of respondents supporting the inclusion of Arabs and Kurds in the management of civil affairs as the most important measure to promote ethnic peace. Respondents also recognized the role of women in peacebuilding, with 78% agreeing that they should be at the center of decision-making. [Read the report.](#)



## OBJECTIONS TO NEW PLAN FOR YARMOUK CAMP REACH THE UNITED NATIONS

A new organizational plan for Yarmouk Camp, the capital of the Palestinian diaspora, will lead to the destruction of what's left of the camp and prevent its residents from returning to their homes. The camp, which was home to almost 400,000 people, has been subjected to systematic bombing and siege for years under the pretense of expelling ISIS, forcing most of its residents to flee. Their return to Yarmouk Camp is unlikely.

The Assad regime's plan for the camp includes razing existing structures to make room for residential blocks and high-rise towers, but the plan does not include alternative housing options for the original residents, many of whom will receive no compensation for their homes since they lack official proof of ownership. And for those with proof of ownership, the law requires them to present it in person - an impossible task due to the risk of detainment and torture. In an effort led by TDA, 28 Syrian and Palestinian CSOs have submitted a legal memorandum on this issue to the Office of Special Envoy Geir Pederson. TDA has also produced a video on the issue. [Read the memorandum](#) and [watch the video](#).

## "SUMMER OF CAESAR": A CLOSER LOOK AT THE U.S. SANCTIONS



### THE CAESAR ACT: PROPAGANDA VS. REALITY

The Assad regime's propaganda machine has been working hard to turn the Syrian and international community against the Caesar Act sanctions. TDA breaks down the regime's key talking points and counters them with the reality behind the sanctions. [Read the article.](#)

### WEBINAR: "ASSESSING THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE CAESAR SYRIA CIVILIAN PROTECTION ACT"

TDA board member Rime Allaf participated in a webinar hosted by the Middle East Institute on the enforcement and implications of the Caesar Act. Ms. Allaf was joined in the panel by Amb. James F. Jeffrey and Qutaiba Idlbi, moderated by Charles Lister. [Watch the webinar.](#)



### VIDEO SERIES: THE CAESAR ACT

In a three-part video series targeting the Syrian public, TDA covers the purpose, content, and implications of the Caesar Act in an attempt to spread awareness and counter misinformation. [Watch the first video.](#)



### NO PAPERS, NO RIGHTS: THE PROBLEM WITH CIVIL DOCUMENTATION

In areas where institutions no longer function, life events like births, deaths, marriages, and divorces are going unregistered. Without this documentation, Syrians are often stuck in legal limbo - unable to get the documents they need because they don't have the documents they need. [Read the article.](#)



### SYRIAN COMMUNITY INITIATIVES TAKE ACTION TO PREVENT COVID-19

Through TDA support to community initiatives, more than a thousand low-income families received preventive hygiene kits, and many more, including over 75 teachers, received information on how to prevent the spread of COVID-19. [Read more.](#)