



# Exploring occupational injustice among displaced populations in Lebanon

## A qualitative case study

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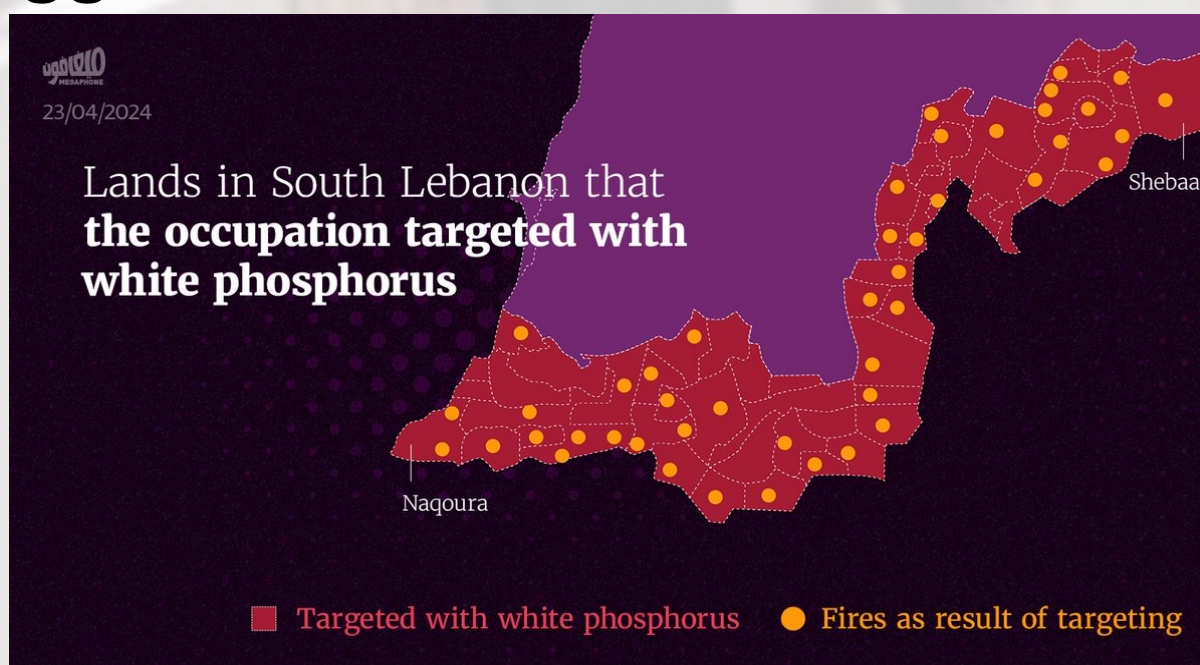
# Displacement & OJ

## Occupational Injustice Among Internally Displaced Communities

- **Occupational justice** affirms the right to engage in meaningful occupations aligned with individual capacities and needs *(Townsend & Wilcock)*
- Restrictions to occupational participation constitute a form of social injustice
- Displacement affects millions globally each year
- Defined as forced movement due to conflict, violence, or disasters *(UNESCO, 2024)*
- Reduced opportunities for participation contribute to social exclusion and reduced well-being

## In Lebanon

### Major displacement as a direct result of the escalation of the Israeli aggressions in late 2024



- Ongoing socio-political instability in Lebanon has led to recurrent waves of displacement
- Reoccurring Israeli aggressions as a major historical driver
- Invasions in 1978 and 1982; occupation until 2000 *(AlJazeera, 2024)*
- Renewed escalation in 2006 affecting southern Lebanon and Beirut suburbs
- As of October 2024, **over one million people displaced**
- Refuge sought in schools, universities, religious spaces, and private housing

*(UNHCR, 2024 ; Mixed Migration Center, 2024)*

# Methodology

## Design

Qualitative case study  
Occupational justice framework  
Focus on lived experiences of displacement

## Data Collection

Semi-structured one-on-one interviews  
Conducted in Lebanese Arabic  
Manual transcription & English translation

## Data Analysis

Thematic analysis  
Iterative coding process  
Two independent coders + third reviewer validation

## Framework: O inJ

Occupational deprivation  
Occupational apartheid  
Occupational marginalization  
Occupational imbalance  
Occupational alienation

## Data Analysis

Purposive sampling  
Adults 18–35, Lebanese Shia  
Displaced from Southern Lebanon  
Residing in Beirut shelter centers (>1 month)



## Findings

الواحد ما يرتاح إلا بيته

*A person can never "rest"/feel tranquil unless they're home*

- Radwan, M

## Displacement

Alienation

Marginalization

Apartheid

Deprivation

Imbalance

## Resistance

بدنا نعيش، لو شو ما عملوا أنا إم

*We will survive, no matter what they do, I am a mother*

- Nadia, F