

Begging behavior is a profitable business or because of deprivation

One of the behavioral phenomena that exists in many countries of the world is begging, and this phenomenon is widespread in all countries of the world, but in varying proportions for reasons and others. This phenomenon has been visible and almost high in Arab countries in general and in particular in Iraq since 1990, where Iraq has been suffering from the economic blockade. After 2003, an increasing and alarming growth was observed in the number of child beggars in particular and in general in all Iraqi cities, especially in the capital Baghdad. An Iraqi government source in Iraq's Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs revealed more than 4 million Iraqis unemployed, with Iraqi police carrying out a series of arrests of dozens of beggars in Baghdad and several governorates and the absence of rehabilitation institutions or infrastructure receiving large numbers, forcing the relevant authorities to release them on bail or insufficient evidence.

The political and economic crises that have overshadowed them are among the main reasons that have contributed to the increasing phenomenon of begging in the Iraqi capital. According to a World Bank report showing that the country's poverty rates are about 40% of the more than 40 million Iraqis in a country rich in natural and agricultural wealth and others. From a government point of view, a government source cited personalities, parties and mafias running networks of beggars in Iraq with the aim of damaging the country's reputation before the prosperous state economy.

In fact, while observing some beggars as we prepare this report, we have noted that there is a distribution of children, women and the elderly in specific areas by unknown persons. West of that is the presence of some foreign beggars. This reinforces the hypothesis that some executing entities control the file and bring them into Iraq in other ways, especially Asian and Arab nationalities, especially after their violation of residency controls and distribution in areas and areas of responsibility. "There are no real statistics on the number of beggars in Iraq and even the countries

of the world because this phenomenon is unstable. Perhaps the situation of destitution, deprivation and displacement is one of the most important causes of the phenomenon of begging, regardless of who adopts it.



The presence of beggars:

1. City areas: Cities are considered to be the most prevalent area for beggars with approximately 90% distribution as follows:
 - A .Street intersections and a challenge near Luxury Light give wider space to beggars during parking in compliance with traffic signals.
 - B .Main city entrances and determination of the proximity of the controls and for the same reasons as above.
 - C .In the entrances to mosques and Hasiniyah, especially the prayers and religious events.
 - D .Close to shops and restaurants and in public markets at very high rates.
 - E .Hospital entrances or near them during the admission of patients, their escorts or medical personnel.
 - F . in religious mosques and shrines, especially during religious events.
 - J . Presence in residential areas and in a small proportion.
 - K .Near universities and occasionally beggars are entered on campus

2. Rural areas: The presence of beggars in rural areas was noted, with few proportions related to their socio-economic nature.

Age groups of beggars

- 1.Children under 2 years of age and at almost 15% rates
- 2.Children from 2-17 years old are approximately 50% .
- 3.Women aged 20-60 are approximately 30% .
- 4.Men from 2-60 years old at about 5%.



Reasons for begging

There are many reasons why this situation arises, including the family itself, such as the increase in the number of its members, especially children, despite the fact that the family has little financial return and lives below the poverty line or because of the loss of the father or mother of the families or both. There are general reasons for society, including:

1. Increasing poverty and unemployment in society.
2. Caste differentials between people as well as the cost of living .
3. It is a profitable financial source for some and it is better than work .
- 4.High prices of treatment which drives poor people to begging
- 5.Drug addiction, which is one of the main factors of this phenomenon
- 6.Wars that have led to an increase in illegal migration and famine using the poor .
- 7.Migration from the countryside to the city is one of the main causes of this phenomenon, where the son of the countryside does not find a job and resort to begging.

The rights of individuals begging to end this phenomenon.

One of the most basic human rights in all the global constitutions of the countries under the umbrella of the United Nations is that the individual lives freely and peacefully and has the needs of living well, especially in relation to these societal groups. In order to know whether the behaviour of begging * is due to indigence or * a pathological phenomenon or * a profitable trade. In the case of these three cases, we will reach radical and important solutions. In the light of the above, we propose the following:

- 1.Create jobs to meet poor people's needs to reduce that phenomenon.
- 2 . Building charitable institutions, centres and associations that help this category.
- 3 .Impose legal penalties on anyone who engages in begging after providing all his requirements
4. Provide social security to everyone who is unable to work.
- 5.Follow -up on children dropping out of school and in accordance with the Compulsory Education Act to reduce begging opportunities.

6 .Creating a school diet that encourages students to attend school and prevents them from becoming homeless, taking refuge in the street and begging.

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