

Rabab Interview

**this interview was conducted via a messaging app and the responses were received through text messages in arabic. Though none of us have an official degree in Arabic or qualify as an official translator, this was translated by two arabic speaking individuals, one native speaking and the other with arabic as a fluent secondary language.*

General get to know you questions:

1. What is your name?
Rabab Mohammad Abo Hamada
2. How old are you?
46 years old
3. Where are you from and where do you currently reside?
Khan Younis, Gaza
4. Can you describe a typical day for you?
We had a beautiful life and now everything is destroyed.

****Please note the question was misunderstood by the interviewee****

We followed up and asked her to clarify this was her response.

I wake up and look for water to perform the Fajr prayer. If there isn't any, I do Tayammum (dry ablution). Then, I light a fire to make breakfast, which is usually a teapot of tea, some "duqqa" (spice mix), and cheese if available. After breakfast, I head to the line for the salty water, filling the containers by some miracle because of the number of people waiting. Then, I go to the bakery, where I stand for at least an hour just to get a bundle of bread for my kids. Afterward, I return to the tent, wash the laundry by hand, tidy up the tent, and bathe Rivan (a child's name). Then, I prepare lunch, light the fire, and cook. After lunch, I pray, wash the pots from the soot, and bathe. I rest a little before standing in line for sweet water, filling the special containers for that. I might go to the market to buy a few things, then return to prepare dinner. I light the fire, feed the kids, tidy up the tent, we pray, recite the Shahada, and go to sleep.

If in Gaza:

5. do you have family with you there
Yes
6. If in Gaza: Have you lost family
yes , many cousins, nephews and nieces..

Project related questions:

7. How often do you follow the news or keep up with current events?
whenever I have internet.
8. Do you find it challenging to stay updated on current events and the situation around you?
What about for those around you?
It is challenging because of lack of internet and it is not easy to move around.
9. How do you build a sense of community and connect with others? Are there specific ways you prefer to discuss these topics?
I communicate with people via WhatsApp, instagram and messenger. Otherwise without internet the communication is with people around me.

10. When assessing a situation, would you feel more comfortable trusting reports from other users or official sources?
I trust aljazeera.

11. Are there any apps you use that allow you to control who can see your information or communicate with you?
No.

12. Would you feel more comfortable trusting user reports or reports from officials?
Officials

13. What limitations do you face when downloading and accessing mobile apps? (e.g., Wi-Fi availability, app size, device compatibility)
Wifi availability and the IDF use devices to create interference for us.

The interference that the interviewee is talking about is like: signal jamming, Electromagnetic Interference (EMI), or frequency interference.

14. How do you feel about relying on digital tools to stay informed and connected within your community?

Somewhat reliable but not 100% because of the electricity and internet

15. How do you currently find and share information about safe and danger zones, medical aid areas?

Only when available via internet

16. Would you like to see a community feature that allows users to engage with each other to discuss safety, comfort, etc?

Sure if we can download it.

