

# Egyptian citizen's song highlights heartbreaking situation in Gaza

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In the midst of the ongoing crisis in Gaza, Egyptian citizens have found solace and expression through music. Amanda Abd El-Meguid, a clinical pharmacist by profession, recently penned a heartfelt song titled "Dreams turned to dust," aiming to shed light on the devastating realities faced by Palestinians in Gaza.

In an exclusive interview with The Daily Tribune, El-Meguid shared her motivation behind the song. She expressed deep sorrow and anguish after witnessing the haunting images of innocent lives torn apart by relentless violence and war.

"The song dedicated to Palestinians in Gaza was born out of the depths of my soul, shattered by the haunting images of innocent lives torn apart by the relentless violence and war," El-Meguid said. "Witnessing their suffering and the immense injustice they faced moved me deeply."

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al response from listeners. By confronting the brutal realities faced by the people of Gaza, she hopes to inspire action and unite humanity in the face of suffering.

"Through this song, I hope to evoke a deep sense of empathy and provoke a visceral response, forcing listeners to confront the brutal realities faced by the people of Gaza and the urgent need for humanity to unite in the face of suffering," El-Meguid added. "The feelings I aim to evoke include sadness, empathy, and a call for action to end the cycle of violence and protect the innocent lives caught in its grip."

El-Meguid firmly believes that music has the power to captivate listeners in ways that other forms of communication may not.

She emphasizes that the universal language of music can evoke strong emotions, create empathy, and

foster a connection between the listener and the struggles faced by Palestinians in Gaza.

By raising awareness and sparking conversations, El-Meguid hopes to inspire action among those who may have been previously unaware or indifferent to the situation.

Acknowledging that there may be critics of her song and others who choose to express their support through music, El-Meguid remains resolute in her determination to stand in solidarity with Palestine.

She and

others like her are prepared to face any criticism or hate, believing that their songs can be a powerful tool to amplify the voices of the oppressed and advocate for justice.

In a similar vein, reports have emerged of 25 exceptionally talented artists from the Middle East and North Africa coming together to create "Rajieen," a powerful anthem transcending borders.

The song embodies resilience and resistance in response to the ongoing crisis in Gaza and the unyielding struggle of the Palestinian people.

As artistic expressions continue to emerge from Egypt and the wider region, it is clear that music has become a vital medium to shed light on the plight of Palestinians in Gaza.

**25 artists from all over Middle East came together in one video**



## Discovering the *treasures of Gudaibiya*: A bargain hunter's paradise

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Bahrain boasts a wealth of exotic experiences, lively locales, and exciting events within its captivating landscape.

Still, if someone ask an expatriate to name a single place that one should not miss while in the Kingdom.

He or she would say without a flinch. "Gudaibiya".

As for them, Gudaibiya is a hidden gem waiting to be explored. The indisputable fact is that long-term residents here often recommend this vibrant neighbourhood to newcomers seeking affordable ways to kickstart their new



life. Nestled along the streets of Gudaibiya, a plethora of shops beckon them, offering a diverse array of goods.

From second-hand electronic gadgets to furniture, and everything in between for your everyday needs, this bustling market has it all.

Working hours start early morning. However, to experience its true colour, one should visit in the evening hours. The real buzz begins in the late afternoon and continues until midnight.

Shopkeepers here say they get customers from near and far, all seeking quality items at half the price or even lower.

**But where do all these goods come from?**

After doing some rounds, a n-

swers came.

Many of the items found here are sourced from individuals returning to their home countries or those who unexpectedly lost their jobs and are eager to part with their belongings.

Some expatriates, who are leaving in a hurry find it challenging to transport their household items back home or to friends, leaving their priced possessions behind.

These left-behind items often find new life with the next tenants, who may choose to resell them in the market for a reasonable price.

All these items, end up here in Gudaibiya, looking for a new life.

Once expensive, but now budget-friendly, the offerings span a wide range, from kitchen utensils and stoves to bikes and various household appliances.

Common saying is that shoppers willing to invest some time exploring Gudaibiya's shops can discover remarkable deals.

Furthermore, the market is well-known for its priced selection of second-hand branded items, which attract a dedicated following.

Several told us: "Goods collected from American sailors from the nearby Juffair, such as textiles, suits, and shoes, tend to sell like hotcakes."

Even items like

beds and linens, occasionally obtained for free, find new owners in this lively marketplace.

However, despite all these, several others also find it a nuisance.

People also complained that despite warnings from municipal authorities to avoid obstructing public roads with merchandise displays, many shopkeepers here continue to operate as usual, creating a unique shopping experience in Gudaibiya that's hard to resist.

The fact, however, is that for bachelors and budget-conscious individuals, the shops in Gudaibiya are a lifeline, offering affordable solutions to meet their daily needs and aspirations, making it an essential destination for those looking to make the most of their time in Bahrain.

