

Historical causes of famine

1. War and other violent conflicts
2. Drought and other climatic issues
3. Inequality of distribution
4. Epidemic disease
5. Storage failure, leading to rodents, etc.
6. Crop diseases

“The fact that famines are man-made and driven by the actions and inactions of political and military elites has not always been a foregone conclusion.”

—Melanie S. Tanielian and the Middle East Studies Pedagogy Initiative, “Essential Readings: History of Modern Famine in the Middle East,” 12/6/18, <https://mespi.org/2018/12/06/essential-readings-history-of-modern-famine-in-the-middle-east/>