



The interview was done by Ivan Gadzhev, 6th grade. Due to security reasons, we do not have photos.

X is 29 years old, works at the Women's Market and lives in Sofia. As a young man who escaped the civil war in Syria, I decided that he was the most suitable for an interview, for the war and the life of the emigrant.



**Question: How did it all start?**

**Answer:** As always, the real reason lies in the discovery of new natural gas fields - around the regions of Tartus and Latakia - the two major port cities, as well as the formation of the so-called. Shiite Crescent between Iran, Iraq and Syria. At first, many people, from different classes and ethnicities rebelled. Gradually, however, the unrest began to subside. Now only the conservative and radical Sunnis are rebelling, the Islamists - people who sympathize with the Muslim Brotherhood, who were the number one enemy of Assad's current secular regime. These all are people from the poorer neighborhoods and cities in the country, characterized by high birth rates, low literacy and, who are accordingly, are easily controlled.

**Question: Who benefits mostly from the war?**

**Answer:** All world powers without exception.

**Question: What was the situation in Syria before and what is it after the war?**

**Answer:** Syria did not have a single dollar of foreign debt. The education and health care were free. There was mass production and factories. There were entire closed industrial cycles. Before the war, Syria was developing rapidly. Many Syrians in Bulgaria returned to their homeland, salaries were higher than here, there was a lot of work and many opportunities. Of course, there were bad sides - writing of denunciations, collecting and disappearing of political prisoners, some of them were punished for ostensibly funny and unproven offences, etc. No

one can deny this, but in the end Syria was a thousand times more democratic and secular state than, for example, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Qatar, or Bahrain.

**Question: What is the real opinion of the Syrians about the conflict and is the media exaggerating the whole war?**

**Answer:** We have a serious division. It depends who is asked.

**Question: How do you live in Bulgaria?**

**Answer:** Bulgarians are very hospitable, but unfortunately your country is not very well developed compared to the opportunities of the available human and natural potential and the benefits of EU membership.

**Thanks for the interview.**