





EXHIBITION OF THE MONTH: GARDENS AND JUNGLES BY TAGREED DARGHOUGH


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Lebanese painter Tagreed Darghouth's new solo exhibition explores the devastating effects of war on everyday life

It's been just over three years since a massive explosion ripped through the port of Beirut, with Lebanon still reeling from the tragedy to this day. Influenced by her personal experiences in the city, Lebanese painter Tagreed Darghouth's new solo exhibition delves deeper into ideas of warfare, political violence and the transformation of cities by military and security. "*Gardens and Jungles* is inspired by the Stephen Graham book *Cities Under Siege, The New Military Urbanism*," Tagreed tells *MOJEH*. "It was born out of an intention to highlight our new reality, and the series of paintings take military camouflage patterns as their background."

A painting from the Gardens and Jungles series

Inspired by her time spent in Beirut between 1997 and 2021 — "the city back then was beyond charming, and it shaped my artistic and political orientation, and consequently my art," she tells us— visitors can immerse themselves in a collection of acrylic paintings on canvas that depict landscapes, flowers, trees and birds, all painted atop a camouflaged print on fabric or paper, juxtaposing both the ruins of conflict and the resilience of the

() natural world. "I want my visitors to feel the 'hammer' within my artworks and hear the
defying voice behind my proposed aesthetic language. This is one you'll have to see for
yourselves.



In The Jungle, Tagreed Darghouth, 2023

Gardens and Jungles is on show from 1-30 September at Tabari Art Space

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