

tnaash

Set in post-explosion Lebanon, Tnaash turns the country's first fictional jury trial into a pressure-cooker about doubt, prejudice, and the speed with which a young Syrian refugee can be judged.

Arabic · Lebanon · 86 min · 2022 · Boudy Sfeir, writer-director

“What would happen if a group of Lebanese people, from different sectarian and political backgrounds, were forced to reach a unanimous decision?”

BOUDY SFEIR, WRITER/DIRECTOR

SYNOPSIS

Post-explosion Lebanon stages its first jury trial and seals twelve citizens inside a deteriorating room at the national electricity company. They must decide whether a young Syrian refugee murdered a social activist. The death penalty is in play.

Eleven hands go up for guilty. One juror says not guilty, not because he is sure, but because the room has not earned certainty. As witnesses crack and war memories return, the case starts sounding like a country arguing with itself.

AWARDS & FESTIVALS



OFFICIAL SITE

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Bilingual public hub with synopsis, awards, director materials, cast, and buyer-ready context.

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TRAILER

Play trailer

Fast tonal entry point for programmers, buyers, and

audiences, then a direct route into the film's public materials.

[Watch trailer →](#)

A prestige Arab drama built for viewers who already feel this fault line in daily life.

The first audience is specific: Arab adults who have been sorted by nationality, accent, or class in a room they did not control. They recognise this jury before the first vote is cast.

113M

EGYPT

MENA's largest audience.

Displacement, class friction, and the refugee argument are already daily life.

37M

SAUDI ARABIA

44% expatriate population. Status, accent, and belonging read instantly in everyday life.

#1 MENA

PERFECT STRANGERS

Arabic ensemble conflict already scales when viewers see their own arguments on screen.

The film works because viewers locate themselves fast: who deserves doubt, whose accent counts against them, and who is rushing the room toward a verdict.

WHO FEELS THIS FIRST

Egypt

Urban Egyptian viewers feel the first jolt immediately. The accused is Syrian, and the room starts sorting him before it has finished listening. That reflex is daily life.

Saudi Arabia

In Saudi Arabia, the tension is social sorting rather than courtroom detail: who sounds local, who seems lower-status, who gets the benefit of doubt. In a country shaped by expatriate life, that reads fast.

Pan-Arab + Diaspora

Across the region and diaspora, the film speaks to viewers who know the mix: sect memory, macho banter, NGO cynicism, class shorthand, and institutions asking for trust they have not earned.

WHY IT PEAKS NOW

Thirteenth year of Syrian displacement, no resolution. Beirut explosion, zero accountability. 1.5M Sudanese refugees into Egypt since 2023. The question — who gets doubt — is getting louder, not quieter. The jury room compresses that into ninety minutes and raises the cost of every vote.

COMPARABLE SIGNALS

Perfect Strangers

Arabic · Netflix · 2022

#1 MENA

in 11 Arab countries, debut week Arabic ensemble drama scaled because viewers saw their own arguments. Here the stakes are higher: not secrets at dinner, but a man's freedom.

Capernaum

Lebanon · 2018 · Nadine Labaki

\$68M

worldwide on a \$4M budget Lebanese cinema travelled \$68M on a live fault line. When the tension is specific, the film outruns its market size.

Farha

Jordan · Netflix · 2022

Viral

Cultural debate drove discovery When the public argument is already hot, the film rides it. The argument this film enters has no resolution in sight.

The lane

First movers are viewers living this argument daily. Prestige-drama audiences follow through festival recognition and social proof. Arabic jury-room drama at this production level — the lane is nearly empty.

UNHCR 2025 · Saudi GASTAT 2024 · Netflix Top 10 · Omdia

Boudy Sfeir

Lebanese writer-director spanning theatrical features, Shahid originals, and Amazon Prime series

[IMDb](#) →



Sfeir combines authored feature instincts with active Arabic-platform relationships. His work moves from psychological thriller and folk comedy to prestige streaming series, and Tnaash condenses that range into a jury-room drama with formal control and a clear commercial shape.

CINEMATIC APPROACH

Sfeir treats the jury room as a national pressure chamber. Snap-zooms, hard editorial pivots, and the noise of the street keep Lebanon pressing in on every exchange, turning speech into momentum and disagreement into suspense.

SELECTED WORK

2026 • MICHA

Director/Writer • Psychological horror • In development
A young woman seeks help from an AI therapist. Something else answers back.

2025 • Zahrat Omri (زهرة عمري)

Director • Shahid Platform / MBC Iraq
[Watch on Shahid](#) →

2024 • Girls'Play

Creator/Director • Amazon Prime
[Watch on Prime](#) →

2024 • Harim Al Jarah

Creator

2022 • Tnaash (طنعش)

Director/Co-writer • 86 min
Best Local Feature at LIFF 2023, awards at LAFA and Oniros, official selection at FFLF, then theatrical release at Grand Cinemas Lebanon.

Selected earlier work

2021 • **The Visit** — Co-writer • Shahid Original

2019 • **Red Lebanese** — Director

2018 • **Mala 3al2a (ملا علا)** — Director/Writer

2017 • **Ekil, Sherib, Neyim (أكل، شرب، نيام)** — Director/Writer

2014 • **Debut Feature** — Psychological thriller about media, exorcism, and collective belief

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This is an ensemble built from recognisable Lebanese screen talent, not first-time faces. **Tarek Yaacoub** led *Broken Keys*, Lebanon's 2022 Academy Award submission and a Cannes Un Certain Regard selection. **Christina Farah** and **Mohamad Assaf** appeared in *The Insult*, Lebanon's first Oscar-nominated feature. Assaf also anchored *Al Hayba* across six seasons.

The film adds its own awards path: LAFA, Oniros, FFLF official selection, LIFF Best Local Feature Fiction, then a theatrical launch at Grand Cinemas Lebanon. **Sany Abdul Baki** trained at the Royal Central School of Speech and Drama and teaches at MBC Academy in Beirut, while **Tony Dagher** and **Sara Abdo** widen the reach into comedy and live performance.



Tarek Yaacoub [IMDb](#) [IG](#)
Broken Keys · Kteer Kbeer



Christina Farah [IMDb](#) [IG](#)
The Insult



Mohamad Assaf [IMDb](#) [IG](#)
Capernaum · *Al Hayba*



Sara Abdo [IMDb](#) [IG](#)
Glimpses of a Future · Stage



Yara Zakhour [IMDb](#) [IG](#)
A Sad & Beautiful World



Tarek Hakmi [IMDb](#) [IG](#)
Valley of Exile



Tony Dagher [IMDb](#) [IG](#)
Improv Lebanon · 3aka3ba



Ali Al Najjar [IMDb](#)
Makhraj 7 · Haqq Arab



Sany Abdul Baki [IMDb](#) [IG](#)
MBC Academy



Patrick Chemali [IMDb](#)
Awake



Shady Ardati [IMDb](#)
Theatre



Ali Chouair [IMDb](#)
Ensemble