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"UNRWA in Syria to Suspend Contracts of 108 Staff Members"

- Palestinian Refugees Sent Back to Turkey Naked following Heavy Beating by Greek Police
- PalAbroad Conf. Keeps Tabs on Situation of Palestinian Refugees in Thailand & Deir Ballout Camp
- Awareness-Raising Event Held in AlHusainiya Camp for Palestinian Refugees

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Latest Developments

UNRWA handed over notices to end the contracts of 108 workers, out of 132 relief officers working in food-aid distribution.

The concerned staff members, who have been working for the agency for five years, were asked to sign the lay-off notices, which will enter into effect by the end of 2018 due to a projected cut of food aids.



UNRWA attributed the measure to the funding crunch wrought on the agency.

Meanwhile, Ali Huweidi, Director-General of Association 302 to Defend Refugees' Rights, said UNRWA's operations in Syria come as part of the agency's Emergencies Program.

Huweidi denounced UNRWA's decision to lay off Syria-based personnel at a time when Palestinian refugees in Syria continue to launch distress signals over the acute dearth in humanitarian aid and relief assistance.



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In the meantime, group of migrants was discovered by villagers in Turkey's northwestern Edirne province in a run-down and naked state, saying that they were beaten up and stripped of their clothes and belongings by the Greek police.

The migrants, including Yemeni and Palestinian refugees, were found late Monday while walking in open fields by locals of Kiremitçi Salih village in Uzunköprü district on the eastern bank of the Maritsa River forming the border between Turkey and Greece.



The villagers brought the migrants to the village's coffeehouse, provided them with clothes and notified local gendarmerie units.

Live snapshots show all migrants with visible signs of battery on their backs and all over their bodies.

The incident was the latest string of events involving police violence against migrants fleeing war-torn zones. Similar incidents have also taken place on the Aegean, where coast guards have been accused of deflating migrant boats and re-routing them back to Turkish territorial waters.



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Based on the accounts of the illegally deported migrants, Greek police officers are also accused of confiscating migrants' valuable possessions and torturing them, before pushing them back on the border, in violation of international law.

Meanwhile, the Palestinians Abroad Conference, held in Istanbul on November 9 and 10, expressed concerns over the situation of Palestinian refugees stranded in Thailand and those forcibly deported from Yarmouk Camp to Deir Ballout Camp, north of Syria.

PalAbroad Conference said it is deeply worried about the fate of 400 Palestinian refugees in Thailand, where they have been at the risk of refoulement for overstaying their visas.

It added that 40 Palestinian refugees from Syria and Iraq have been detained in Thai jails.

Speaking at the event, head of the UNRWA committee said the conference had sent a letter to UNRWA in order to urgently intervene and provide much-needed services to dozens of displaced families north of Syria, deemed by the agency an insecure and tension-stricken region.

In another development, a workshop and a press conference were staged by medics and paramedics at a UNRWA clinic in AlHusainiya Camp for Palestinian refugees, in Rif Dimashq, in an attempt to boost healthcare awareness among refugee families.



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Palestinian families taking refuge in AlHusainiya Camp have been grappling with dire conditions owing to the poor infrastructure, power and water outages, and lack of hygiene in the area.

