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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



**"Displaced Palestinian Refugees North of Syria Appeal for Urgent Intervention by UNRWA"**

- PLO Lays Off Fighters
- UNRWA Launches 1st Emergency Appeal for 2019
- Palestinian Refugee Ali Mahmoud Secretly Held in Syrian Gov't Jail for 4th Year

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## Latest Developments

Dozens of displaced Palestinians who were forcibly deported to northern Syria urged UNRWA to hand them much-needed humanitarian aids with the advent of a freezing winter season.

In appeals emailed to AGPS, the refugees expressed their deep concern over the fate of their children in light of the apathy maintained by UNRWA and other human rights institutions.

The refugees called on UNRWA to hand them over cash and in-kind aids given by donor parties and to reach out to displaced families in opposition-held zones.



A Palestinian refugee said the displaced families have been subjected to exhaustive crackdowns and intensive inspection on their way to government-run zones to receive aids.

UNRWA stipulates that all family members aged 18 and above show up at distribution centers in order to receive their allotted aids.

The situation has gone far worse in Deir Ballout and AlMuhammadiya refugee camps, north of Syria, following a river flood that rocked Afrin area.



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Nearly 600 displaced families, among them 325 Palestinian families, have been struggling for survival in the poorly-equipped Deir Ballout Camp, after they were forced out of Yarmouk Camp and southern Damascus towns.

Meanwhile, a document released by pro-government sources in Syria and signed by the Palestine Liberation Army's (PLA) chief of staff Major General Tareq AlKhadra green-lighted the laying off of military conscripts.

According to the document, which is expected to be put into effect on January 1, 2019, a batch of fighters is slated to be released every three months as of January 1st.

Compensations will be shelled out to laid-off staff. Those who have been laid off as a result of death or health problems will not benefit from the compensation.

Palestinian refugees in war-torn Syria have been chased down by pro-government battalions and dragged into raging conflicts against their will.

In another development, the United Nations and the Palestinian Authority on Monday appealed for \$350 million in humanitarian relief for Palestinians next year, saying that they needed more but had to be realistic in the face of "record-low" funding.

The 2019 Humanitarian Response Plan outlined 203 projects to be carried out by 88 different groups, including UN agencies and non-governmental organizations.



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The plan prioritized 1.4 million Palestinians most in need of food, healthcare, shelter, water and sanitation, said Jamie McGoldrick, the UN humanitarian coordinator in the Gaza Strip, West Bank and East Jerusalem.

"Humanitarian actors are facing unprecedented challenges, including record-low funding and a rise in attacks to delegitimize humanitarian action," he said in a joint statement issued on Monday, ahead of the appeal's launch in Ramallah in the Israeli-occupied West Bank.

Over the past year, the United States has slashed its funding to the Palestinians, including to the UN agency that provides services to 5 million Palestinian refugees.

The United States promised \$365 million to the agency in 2018, but paid only a first installment of \$60 million before announcing in August that it would halt all future donations.

In the meantime, Palestinian refugee Ali Mahmoud Mahmoud, aged 33, has been locked up in Syrian state prisons since February 20, 2014.

AGPS documented the incarceration of 1,711 Palestinians in Syrian state dungeons, among them women and children.

