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Latest Developments

Hundreds of Palestinian refugees have taken to the streets across the Syrian territories, protesting the US-drafted Mideast peace plan, dubbed “the deal of the century” and the US-led economic workshop in Bahrain.

A series of vigils, seminars, workshops, and youth gatherings have been staged outside of Yarmouk Camp and outside of the Palestinian National Council in Damascus.

Similar events took place in Rif Dimashq, in Jaramana Camp, AlAyedeen Camp in Hums, AlNeirab Camp in Aleppo, AlRaml Camp in Latakia, and also in the northern Syrian cities of Idlib and I’zaz, along with the refugee camps of AlSadaka, Deir Ballout, AlMuhammadiya, and AlJazirah.



At the same time, Palestinian refugees rallied in Kilis city, south of Turkey, and outside of the US embassy in Greece to voice their firm condemnation of the US President Donald Trump’s “deal of the century” and the Bahrain workshop.

The refugees stressed Palestinians’ commitment to their right of return to their motherland and lifted banners condemning the US-Israeli attempts to wipe out Palestinians’ land and rights.



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The US-led workshop, held in Bahrain's capital Manama, on June 25-26, has drawn criticism from the Palestinians who say US President Donald Trump's peace plan is heavily weighed in favor of Israel and quashes Palestinians' aspirations for statehood in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The Palestinian leadership boycotted the summit and insisted a political solution to the conflict with Israel must come before economic issues could be addressed.

Along the same line, UNRWA in Lebanon denied emerging reports about its intent to transfer Palestinian refugees seeking shelter in Lebanon to other destinations.

UNRWA said such reports are counterfeit, pledging to keep up its core essential services for Palestine refugees in its five fields of operations, as mandated by the UN.

UNRWA also said developments about the agency's decisions and activities are exclusively published on its official sources.

Nearly 28,000 Palestinian refugees from Syria seeking shelter in Lebanon have been subjected to dire socio-economic conditions and a precarious legal status as the Lebanese authorities continue to rebuff their appeals for legal visas and access to the local labor market.

Meanwhile, a banquet was held in Damascus by UNRWA and the General Authority for Palestinian Arab Refugees. Palestinian prep and secondary school students coming from Lebanon and taking shelter at Basel AlAsad College and the Damascus Training Center were in attendance.



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Displaced students, mostly from Yarmouk Camp, and Assistant-Director of UNRWA operations, along with members of the agency's Department of Education and staff members of the General Authority for Palestine Refugees, showed up at the event.

UNRWA figures have shown that 70% of all the Agency's schools in Syria are inoperative. This is due to school buildings being destroyed, damaged, rendered inaccessible by fighting, or because they have been turned into shelters housing the displaced.

The devastating impact of the war in Syria has diminished the academic achievement of Palestinian students in UN-run schools as educational facilities had come under heavy shelling by the Syrian and Russian forces.



Dozens of Palestinian schoolchildren were pronounced dead in government onslaughts on UNRWA-run schools in Syria.

Several such attacks against UNRWA schools in Khan Eshieh Camp, AlNeirab Camp, and Yarmouk Camp, among other embattled zones, have been documented all the way through the conflict in Syria. All warring parties have been held accountable.



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In the meantime, Palestinian refugee Mohamed Salem Ali AlMarkaten, aged 60, has been incarcerated in Syrian government prisons for the fifth year running.

Mohamed was kidnapped by the government forces on his way out of Yarmouk Camp and was dragged to an unknown location. His condition and whereabouts has been shrouded in mystery.

AGPS kept record of the incarceration of 1,758 Palestinians in Syrian government jails, among them 108 women and girls.

