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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"Medical Error Causes Palestinian Refugee Woman to Go Hemiplegic in Turkey"

- Families Displaced from AlHajar AlAswad Receive New Return Pledges
- UNRWA Warns of Service Cut to Palestine Refugees due to Funding Crunch
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Latest Developments

Palestinian refugee Mahmoud Bastouni, displaced from Syria's Yarmouk Camp, said his wife suffered hemiplegia and coagulation due to medical errors in Istanbul.

Mahmoud said that in 2018, his 23-year-old wife was erroneously diagnosed by a doctor at a hospital in Istanbul, which caused her three strokes and heart attacks. The wife has gone hemiplegic and suffered acute aortic valve regurgitation. She underwent an open-heart surgery.

A couple of years later, she suffered valve-related complication as a result of the botched heart surgery. The wife needs another valve replacement surgery.

The cash-stripped husband has failed to secure surgery and treatment fees. He has gone unemployed as a result of years of displacement. He has appealed to the Turkish President and international humanitarian institutions to help him with the treatment charges.

Recently, Palestinian refugees from Syria in Turkey have expressed concerns over their deteriorating condition particularly in light of the new movement clampdown imposed across Turkish provinces as part of anti-coronavirus measures.

A large number of companies, factories, and shops shut their doors for fear of further COVID-19 contaminations. Several Palestinian families have lost their sole sources of income as a result.



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In another development, head of AlHajar AlAswad city council Khaled Khamis said displaced residents will be allowed to return to their houses in the area in the near future.

He said 38,000 families registered their names on ad hoc lists to return to the neighborhood, including 10,000 families who will return to AlThwarah and Tishreen streets, where 80% of buildings are habitable.

The official added that 60% of debris and sand have been cleared from the area. Rubble-clearance works are slated to end next week.

No exact date has, however, been revealed as to the families' return to AlHajar AlAswad.

Thousands of Palestinian refugees took shelter in AlHajar AlAswad, which came under heavy shelling since 2013 and a crippling siege after ISIS crept into the area. Offensives launched by the Syrian and Russian forces resulted in heavy material damage and took away the lives of dozens of civilians.

Along similar lines, UNRWA media advisor Adnan Abu Hasana has warned of the worsening situation for Palestinian refugees due to a shortage of funds available for Agency.

Abu Hasana said UNRWA suffers \$200 million budget shortfall which will affect the Agency's core services, including education, healthcare, and food-aid, in its five fields of operations.

UNRWA faced severe financial challenges in 2019 with a deficit of 50 million U.S. dollars, which will be added to this year's deficit,



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despite the increase in support by donor countries in November and December last year.

In the meantime, AGPS has released over 3,000 daily reports documenting the situation of Palestinian refugees across war-torn Syria.

The reports are available on the group's website both in English and Arabic:

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Other materials, including videos, live snapshots, statistics on the number of casualties and detainees, news articles, and press releases also figure on the website.

AGPS material provides thorough data on the daily violations, death toll, and number of detainees in war-torn Syria. It also underscores the crises endured by the Palestinian community in refugee camps across and outside of the embattled Syrian territories.

The provided data is the by-product of joint efforts made by a team of field reporters, news correspondents, journalists, photographers, and researchers.

AGPS is a London-based human rights watchdog that monitors the situation of Palestinian refugees in war-torn Syria. In seeking to fulfill this goal, AGPS team does its best to uphold the finest standards of historiographic ethics and maintain honesty in sourcing. To that very end, live snapshots, footages, and sworn



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affidavits are taken directly from the fighting scene across a myriad of flashpoints so as to authenticate AGPS role as a human rights overseer.