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"Rights Groups Call for Granting Humanitarian Asylum to Migrants Stranded on EU Borders"

- UNRWA Starts Reconstruction Works in Yarmouk Camp
- UNRWA Conducts Poll about Palestinians of Syria in Lebanon
- Works Launched to Rehabilitate Water Network in AlHusainiya Camp

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Latest Developments

Dozens of international humanitarian organizations said in a joint statement that they are "shocked by the continuing humanitarian crisis on the borders between the EU and Belarus, which causes immense suffering and has led to the deaths of at least ten people."

The organizations, which referred to themselves in the joint statement as "European civil society and specialized organizations dealing with asylum, migration, humanitarian assistance and human rights," include the Association for Juridical Studies on Immigration (ASGI), Amnesty International, Centro Astalli, the Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Intersos, Save The Children, and Oxfam International.

"In fully condemning the actions of the government of Belarus, we urge a response from the European Union, EU Member States and all relevant European and international organizations that is in line with European and international legal obligations and shared minimum standards of dignity," the organizations said.

"The people at the centre of the crisis are exploited within the security conflict between the EU and Belarus, but these people are not in themselves a security threat, and should not be seen or treated by either side as if they were a weapon. In fact, all accounts suggest the presence of many highly vulnerable groups among the people involved in these events, including pregnant women, families with small children and elderly or injured people," the



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associations said, highlighting that there are also "those who fled war and persecution from Syria, Yemen, Afghanistan and Iraq."

In the joint statement, the organizations proposed various responses affecting the various elements of the crisis. One proposal was to guarantee access to the right of asylum at the borders in Poland, Lithuania and Latvia, which "should be immediately restored in both its legal and practical form," the organizations said.

They also proposed guaranteeing humanitarian access to those affected, "so that humanitarian organizations can reach them and provide assistance;" repealing national "non-compliant asylum" legislation in Lithuania, Poland and Latvia; countering the repression of civil society, the media and law professionals; and placing human rights standards and transparency at the heart of cooperation with third countries.

In another development, UNRWA has started reconstructing its premises in Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian refugees, south of Damascus.

The residents called for the urgent rehabilitation of local schools, in an area where students and schoolchildren walk for over 2 kilometers to reach their academic institutions.

Several UNRWA facilities were destroyed in the Syrian warfare and others have gone out of operation, including two clinics, a vocational training center, a youth development center, and 28 schools, out of 112 UNRWA schools in Syria.



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Along similar lines, UNRWA said it has sent text messages calling on displaced Palestinians from Syria in Lebanon to participate in a poll conducted by the Agency about cash aid delivery.

The poll aims to identify the refugees' satisfaction with cash aid transfers through LibanPost and the behaviour of UNRWA staff workers.

Over recent months, Palestinian refugees have denounced the mistreatment they have been subjected by the staff of Liban Post.

In the meantime, maintenance works have started in AlHusainiya Camp for Palestinian refugees to rehabilitate the sewerage network.

Palestinian families taking refuge in AlHusainiya have railed against the poor sanitation networks and improper sewage disposal as a result of frequent blackouts and maintenance works in the area.

The residents said wastewater and garbage piles have resulted in bed smells and the spread of life-threatening diseases.

All the way through the ten-year Syrian conflict, Palestinians taking refuge in AlHusainiya camp have been grappling with dire conditions. High unemployment rates and the absence of relief assistance by UNRWA and other humanitarian institutions have made survival quite difficult in the area.