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## Latest Developments

Over 180 school drop-outs among the Palestinians of Syria have benefited from the education and development programs provided by Afaak Education Center in Wadi AlZineh, south of Lebanon.

Director of Afaak Center, Maher Abboud, who was displaced from Yarmouk Camp in Syria, said Afaak's programs started to see the day between 2015 and 2016 in response to the striking rise in school drop-outs among children, particularly those displaced from Syria to Lebanon.



The center was launched in partnership with the Charity Commission for the Relief of the Palestinian People.

Abboud said educational courses have been held for boys, girls, and elderly people, including illiterate ones. Over 50 women and 70 minors reportedly graduated from the center after they successfully took part in literacy education programs.

The center provides educational, cultural, and sports activities to people from different ages. Psychological supports programs are



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also provided to elderly people and children. Leisure activities and competitions are held on a regular basis. School furniture is occasionally handed over to the needy people.

More than 105 persons enrolled at the center have also benefited from free transportation secured in cooperation with the Islamic Relief Worldwide Organization to facilitate their access in out of their destinations, in light of dire socio-economic conditions endured by the displaced families.

The director added that over 140 students who dropped out of school got enrolled again at their academic institutions.

Afaak Center aims at boosting the intellectual output and academic skills of the displaced Palestinian and Syrian refugees who fled war-torn Syria to Lebanon.

Some 400 displaced Palestinian families from Syria have been taking shelter in Wadi AlZineh, among 31,000 Palestinians from Syria seeking refuge in the Lebanese territories.

In another development, the European Union member states (Madad Fund) contributed EUR 2 million to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) as part of the EU's "Strengthening the Resilience of Palestine Refugees in Jordan and Lebanon" project.

The contribution comes in-line with the Agency's 2019 Syria Regional Crisis Emergency Appeal and will be allocated to fund vital life-saving services to the Palestine refugees from Syria residing in Jordan.





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The announcement was made at the Delegation of the European Union in Jordan, and attended by the Ambassador of the European Union to Jordan, Andrea Matteo Fontana.

As the conflict in Syria entered its eighth year, Palestinian refugees have borne the brunt of its devastating consequences across the region, facing extreme danger in their camps of residence and multiple displacements.

The contribution will enable the Agency to provide essential services to some 17,500 Palestinian refugees from Syria in Jordan, including protection, education in emergencies and health care, in addition to operational costs that enhance the Agency's ability to provide services to the most vulnerable Palestinian refugees in the region.

Speaking at the announcement ceremony, the Director of UNRWA Operations in Jordan, Roger Davies expressed his gratitude to the EU for its continuous support to UNRWA and in particular its member states for their support to the Palestine Refugees from Syria in Jordan,

UNRWA is confronted with an increased demand for services resulting from a growth in the number of registered Palestine refugees, the extent of their vulnerability and their deepening poverty.

UNRWA is funded almost entirely by voluntary contributions and financial support has been outpaced by the growth in needs. As a result, the UNRWA program budget, which supports the delivery of core essential services, operates with a large shortfall.



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Over recent weeks, Palestinian refugees from Syria have rallied outside of UNRWA office in Amman, urging the agency to shell out its monthly aids, including fuel, power/water, and shelter allowances.

In the meantime, Palestinian refugee Abdullah Ali Seyam, a resident of Yarmouk Camp, south of Damascus, has been secretly held in Syrian government jails since July 15, 2013. He was arrested at a government checkpoint in AlSabina, south of Damascus.



AGPS kept record of the incarceration of 1,730 Palestinian refugees in Syrian government jails, among them 108 women and girls.

Meanwhile, Greece's Ministry of Migration Policy announced its decision to suspend aids allotted for refugees who were granted subsidiary protection or asylum before August 2017.

According to Greek news outlets, the Greek authorities will gradually notify refugees with subsidiary protection/asylum status for over six months to leave their camps and UNHCR shelters, pending the suspension of financial aids.



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The Greek government said the policy dovetails the country's attempt to rein in the influx of migrants and overcrowdings on its islands.

Human rights activists said the new decision dovetails EU commitment to fund the UNHCR's relief and housing program for asylum-seekers who have not yet received replies over their applications for asylum.

The activists further warned of the fallouts of the decision, which they said will result in increasing numbers of homeless refugees who will be left with neither food nor shelter and be denied their basic human rights.

Palestinian refugees who have fled war-stricken zones to Greece have been denied their rights to visas and prevented from accessing vital facilities.

