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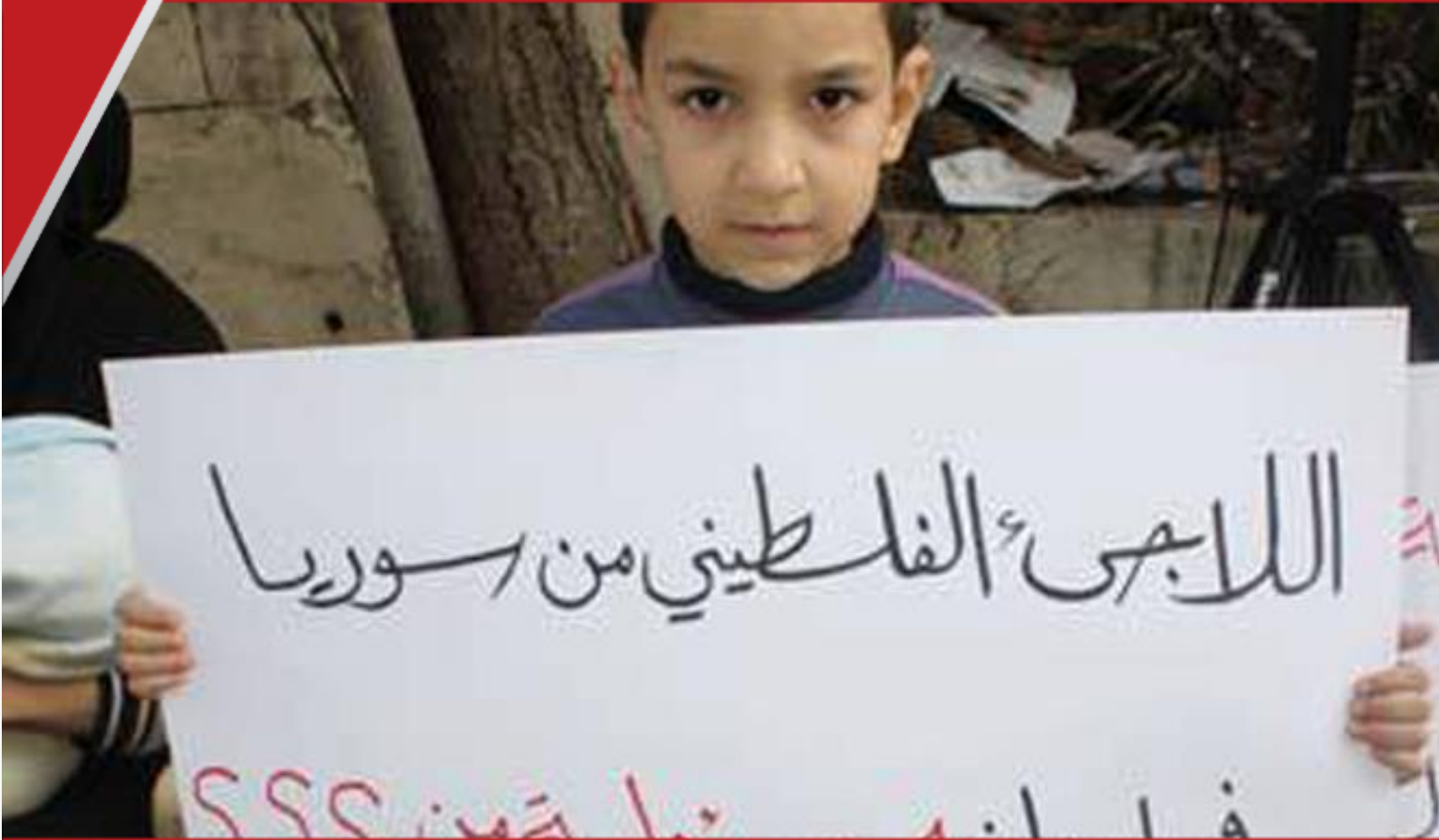
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"Rally to Be Held by Palestinian Refugees Outside of UNRWA Office in Lebanon"

- Trash Mounds Piled Up in Syria's Khan Eshieh Camp for Palestinian Refugees
- Palestinian Refugees in Lebanon Urge UNRWA to Implement Thorough Emergency Plan
- UNRWA Transfers Cash Aid for Palestinian Refugees in Syria
- Rights Group Urges Bulgaria, Greece to Lift Noose on Migrant Crossings

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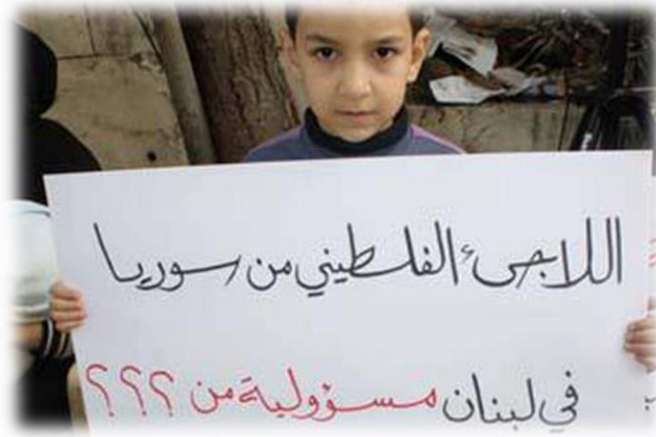


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Latest Developments

The popular committees for Palestinians refugees from Syria in Lebanon have called for a mass participation in a rally that is slated to be held on Tuesday, March 3, outside of the office of UNRWA director in Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon.

The vigil comes to urge UNRWA to take up its responsibility regarding the Palestinians of Syria, increase cash assistance, and enhance humanitarian services, pending a just and lasting solution to the refugees' plight.



A few days earlier, Palestinian activists in Lebanon launched an e-campaign in an attempt to urge UNRWA to live up to their demands for physical, legal, and humanitarian protection.

Activists tweeted on the following hashtag: “our demands are a right and not a UNRWA favor”.

Along similar lines, residents of Khan Eshieh refugee camp denounced the accumulation of trash piles on both edges of AlA'waj River, saying the phenomenon poses serious health threats and puts their children's hygiene at risk.



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Residents of the nearby Khawaled neighborhood urged the concerned authorities and UNRWA to seriously work on clearing garbage accumulated on the river edges.

Palestinian families taking refuge in Khan Eshieh camp, in Rif Dimashq, have been struggling with squalid humanitarian conditions inflicted by the eight-year long warfare.

As in other refugee camps across Syria, the cost of living index in Khan Eshieh is several times higher than the pre-war period. Prices have seen a 1000% leap, overburdening even further the cash-stripped families. Unemployment rates have also seen an unprecedented increase, resulting in growing poverty rates.

Meanwhile, hundreds of Palestinian refugees from Syria rallied on Monday, March 2, outside of UNRWA's regional office in Beirut, urging the UN Agency to set an emergency plan for comprehensive and sustainable relief assistance for refugees and displaced persons in light of the current economic crisis rocking the Lebanese territories.





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Palestinians from Syria in Lebanon continue to express deep concern over their fate as anti-government protests have rolled into the fourth consecutive month and spiraled into violence.

Palestinian refugees from Syria are reported to lack legal status in Lebanon. The absence of a specific legislation addressing their unique situation along with their ambivalent legal status and the inhospitality shown by local authorities combine to make life unbearable for Palestinian refugees in Lebanon.

In the meantime, UNRWA started disbursing its 2020 first batch of cash aid for Palestinian refugees in Syria.

Every family member registered on the list of normal cases will receive a sum of 26,000 Syrian Pounds. Refugees figuring on the list of vulnerable cases will receive 39,000 SP.

In another development, following reports that Turkey is allowing asylum-seekers to depart its territory and attempt to enter the European Union, Amnesty International's Deputy Research Director, Massimo Moratti, called on Greece and Bulgaria to ensure safe access to their territory for people seeking protection.

“What we are seeing now at Turkey's land and sea borders with the EU is that people seeking asylum are once again being used as bargaining chips in a deadly political game, a predictable consequence of the EU-Turkey deal”, said Moratti.

“EU member states need to do far more to share responsibility for asylum seekers arriving in Turkey, both through financial support and ensuring safe pathways to Europe”, he stated.



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“Greece and Bulgaria must ensure access to their territory for people seeking protection and border guards should refrain from excessive use of force against those gathered at the border. They must be allowed to enter through official border crossings, regardless of whether they have valid travel documents. Countries with external EU borders should keep sufficient, appropriately located, and secure border crossing points open for refugees”, said Moratti.

He further called on the European Commission to urgently coordinate any support that might be required to Greece and Bulgaria to ensure asylum seekers have access to adequate reception and asylum procedures. “European member states shoulder their fair share of responsibility”, stressed Moratti.

