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## Latest Developments

Palestinian refugees in Syria have called on UNRWA to pay their cash aid on a regular basis every month.

UNRWA's cash assistance represents a lifeline for the cash-stripped Palestinian refugee families who have been struggling with squalid conditions in Syria as a result of the multiple hardships inflicted by the coronavirus pandemic and the absence of legal protection.

The refugees called for holding vigils outside of UNRWA offices in Syria to push the Agency to shell out cash aid every month.

UNRWA in Syria delivers aid to Palestinian refugees three times a year.

Along similar lines, Palestinian refugees in Deraa, south of Syria, said they have been subjected to mistreatment by staffers of AlHaram company for international transfer.

Speaking with AGPS, a number of refugees said they have been forced to line up for hours in overcrowded queues outside of the company, which deliberately hinders aid delivery for the refugees.

Other refugees who live at a considerable distance from the company said they wake up at the crack of dawn to receive their cash grants and avoid overcrowded queues.



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The refugees called on UNRWA to reach out to AlHaram Company and pressurize it to take urgent measures in response to their complaints.

After more than 10 years of conflict, Palestine refugees continue to be one of the most vulnerable groups in Syria with immense humanitarian needs.

Palestinian refugees in Syria continue to launch cries for help over their deteriorating humanitarian condition due to the sharp decrease in the exchange rate of the Syrian pound compared to the USD and their lack of access to the local labor market. The price leap has also overburdened the cash-stripped refugees. House rents have also seen a striking hike from previous years.

In another development, the main water pump has gone inoperative in Jaramana Camp for Palestinian refugees, leaving the residents of Al-Bilat and Al-Qaytiyah neighborhoods without water.

Local sources told AGPS that water has been pumped into the camp using the small secondary pump, pending maintenance works to repair the water network.

Civilians have found no other way to secure potable water than to buy water supplies for privately-owned tanks at a price of up to 10,000 Syrian pounds a tank.

Residents of Jaramana Camp, located a few kilometers away from central Damascus, continue to set off alarm bells over the lack of



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basic services and dire socio-economic conditions rocking the area as a result of the steep rental fees, high rates of unemployment, the price hike, and poor sanitation.

Jaramana camp is 8km from Damascus on the road to Damascus International Airport. The camp was established in 1948.

UN data indicates that before the start of the conflict in 2011, there were over 18,000 Palestine refugees living in Jaramana camp. During the Syrian crisis, the number of Palestine refugees in the camp and the surrounding area increased to 49,000 due to an influx of displaced Palestine refugees from other areas, including the camp of Yarmouk. As a result, Jaramana has become one of the most densely populated areas of Damascus.

Many of the refugees worked as street vendors, government employees or in nearby industrial plants. Some inhabitants find work in the informal sector through collecting garbage for recycling. The majority of women are domestic workers in Damascus to supplement family income. Like other areas in Syria, displacement, unemployment, inflation, protection and security risks are among the main concerns shared by Palestine refugees and Syrians alike.

In the meantime, a number of drivers have volunteered to give daily lifts from and back to AlNeirab Camp for cash-stripped residents and students.

Drivers passing through the area park their vehicles in AlMaari to give a lift to workers and students wishing to return to the camp.



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Students and workers at AlNeirab Camp for Palestinian refugees, in Aleppo, continue to appeal to the concerned authorities to secure transportation means to give daily lifts to their workplaces and the local university due to overcrowding and unpunctuality in public means of transport.