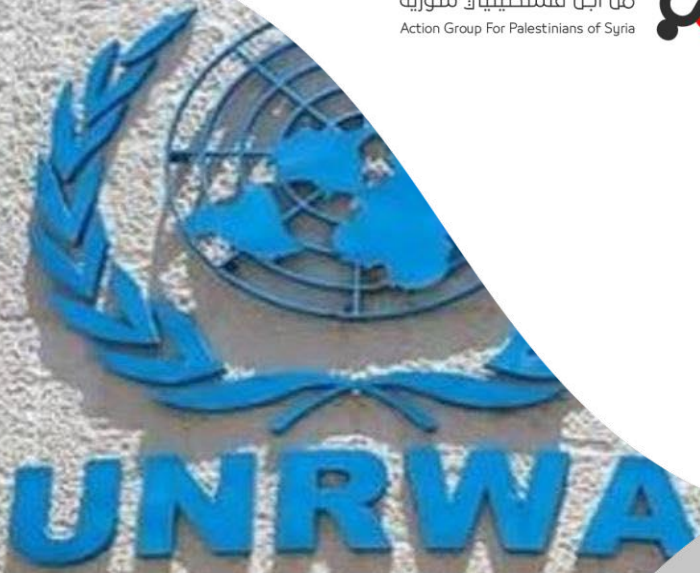


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## **Latest Developments**

Palestinian refugees from Syria (PRS) in Lebanon have called on UNRWA to take urgent action regarding their abject humanitarian condition in displacement camps across the Lebanese territories.

PRS have appealed to the UN Agency to transfer cash grants of 100 USD to registered refugees following the latest crash of the Lebanese pound and price inflation.

The refugees also called for enhancing their access to much-needed healthcare and education services and for working out their ambivalent legal status in Lebanon.

In another development, reports of drug consumption and trafficking have increasingly emerged in displacement camps for Palestinian refugees across war-torn Syria.

Recently, residents of Khan Eshieh Camp for Palestinian refugees, in Rif Dimashq, said young men have been caught consuming and selling drug.

Over recent years, members of pro-regime militias have been accused of running networks for drug trafficking and prostitution in Palestinian refugee camps in Syria.

A number of civilians who spoke to AGPS on condition of anonymity said groups affiliated with Syrian president Bashar Al Asad have been transferring cannabis, tramadol and captagon to displacement camps.

Scores of militiamen who were forced into military conscription with regime battalions consume drugs to overcome the terrifying scenes of bloodshed.

Drug distribution is often carried out by children aged below 18 and members of cash-strapped and vulnerable families who are exploited by illicit drug trafficking networks which are subject to drug prohibition laws.

Daily scenes of destruction and bloodshed in Syria forced dozens of helpless civilians, among them children, to consume drugs and sniff glue, among other life-threatening substances, as a means to



get over the trauma inflicted by the unabated warfare. Drug use, which starts as a way to escape, quickly makes their life worse.

In the meantime, AlQuds Charity announced the launch of a medical drive in AlRaml Camp for Palestinian refugees, in Latakia.

Free medical care will be provided to the refugees at the office of the General Authority for Palestinian Arab Refugees (GAPAR) on Wednesday and Thursday (6-7 July) from 10:00 a.m. to 02:00 p.m.

Before the start of conflict in 2011, Latakia Camp was home to less than 11,000 Palestine refugees. It is estimated that at least 2,000 Palestine refugees from the camp have left the country. Like in other Palestine refugee camps in Syria, a large number of families, particularly also younger people, travelled to seek better opportunities and safety abroad. This has also meant that many older Palestine refugees are left by themselves in the camp, contrary to Middle Eastern traditions.

Currently there are around 12,000 Palestine refugees living in and around Latakia, including around 9,000 in Latakia camp. Like in other areas of Syria, displacement, unemployment, inflation, protection and security risks are among the main concerns shared by Palestine refugees and Syrians alike.

In another development, Palestinian refugee Husain AlSheikh Khaled won the first prize in the Skills Heroes hairdressing competition held in The Netherlands.

Husain managed to snatch a seat at the Dutch national team, which will enable him to take part in international competitions.

Displaced from Yarmouk Camp, in Damascus, Husain arrived in The Netherlands some eight years ago and worked as a hairdresser. He also joined a hairdressing training academy to enhance his skills.

Hundreds of displaced Palestinian refugees in/from Syria have achieved success stories, despite the traumatic upshots wrought by the daily scenes of bloodshed and destruction across the embattled Syrian territories.

This includes scores of refugee students who have obtained the highest scores at their academic institutions; hundreds of refugee





sportsmen/sportswomen who snatched the first places in regional and international competitions; dozens of artists who received renowned literary awards for their products and performances; and several housewives who turned trauma into a space of creativity.