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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



### "UNRWA Launches 2020 Appeal for Palestinians of Syria"

- Car Bomb Explosion Sparks Panic in Palestinian Refugee Camp in Syria
- Palestinian Refugee Mohamed Abu Anzah held in Syrian Gov't Jail for 6th Year
- Hundreds of Palestinian Refugees Grappling with Dire Conditions in Greece

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## Latest Developments

The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) launched in Beirut its 2020 funding appeal, including for the Syria Regional Crisis (Syria Appeal) totaling US\$ 270 million.

The event focused on the Agency's exceptional funding requirements for a relief plan for Palestine Refugees in Lebanon in view of the current deteriorating economic and financial situation in the country.

“Palestine refugees in Lebanon rely on UNRWA to provide aid which often is literally life-saving,” said the Director of UNRWA Affairs in Lebanon, Claudio Cordone.

“The financial crisis that is affecting everyone in the country this year makes their reliance on us even greater. Supporting UNRWA is not a substitute for a much needed political solution, but it is fundamental to sustaining a dignified existence for the Palestine refugee community,” he said.



The funds sought to cover the Syria appeal will provide vital assistance to some 438,000 Palestine refugees affected by the conflict inside Syria, and to some 28,000 who are displaced to



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Lebanon and 17,000 currently in Jordan, and who continue to face significant humanitarian and protection needs.

“The conflict in Syria has affected everyone, but the case of Palestine refugees is particularly compelling, with 40% of them remaining in prolonged displacement,” said the Director of UNRWA affairs in Syria Amany Michael-Ebye.

“We often hear that the only normality for Palestine refugees inside Syria, and those displaced to Jordan and Lebanon since the conflict erupted, is their access to UNRWA services, such as schools, health care and other forms of assistance”, he said.

2019 was a particularly challenging year both on the financial and political levels for UNRWA, which ended the year with US \$ 50 million in liabilities carried over into 2020.

On 31 January 2020, the Acting Commissioner-General, Christian Saunders, called in Geneva during the launching of 2020 Budget Appeal for a minimum of US\$ 1.4 billion to fund the Agency’s essential services and assistance, including life-saving humanitarian aid and priority projects, for 5.6 million registered Palestine refugees across the Middle East for the year 2020.

In another development, tension has been running high in Khan Eshieh camp for Palestinian refugees, west of Rif Dimashq province, as a result of a car bomb blast.

Local sources said the explosion targeted a government checkpoint. Ambulances rushed to the scene to treat wounded people.



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Palestinian families taking shelter in Khan Eshieh refugee camp have been struggling for survival due to the absence of drinking water, power, and fuel supplies.



In the meantime, Palestinian refugee Mohamed Ata Abdul Karim Abu Anzah has been held in Syrian government penitentiaries for the sixth year running.

Abu Anzah was kidnapped by the government forces on July 20, 2014. His family continues to appeal for information.

AGPS documented the internment of 1,782 Palestinian refugees in Syrian prisons, including 108 female refugees.

Meanwhile, Palestinian refugees from Syria who have been stranded in Greece have sounded distress signals over their deteriorating humanitarian condition after most European states opted for a closed-door immigration policy, leaving hundreds of refugees trapped in underequipped refugee camps.

Speaking with AGPS, Palestinian refugees in Greece said they have been subjected to medical neglect and poor hygiene along with the lack of relief assistance and the propagation of poisonous reptiles in the makeshift tents they have been locked up in.



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An agreement between Turkey and Greece to tighten grip on refugees from Syria trying to creep into the Greek territories via the Turkish borders has made the situation far worse.

