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Latest Developments

The Commission of Palestinians of Syria for Relief and Development in Daraa called on the Palestine Liberation Organization and all other concerned bodies to take urgent action as regards the situation of Palestinian refugees in the embattled Syrian territories.

In appeals emailed to AGPS, the commission said the recent escalation in and around Daraa, home to over 40,000 registered and unregistered refugees, made the situation quite unbearable.

Palestinians displaced from their homes in 1948 have been left without roofs over their heads in an area where over 70% of civilian structures and vital facilities have been ruined.

The commission added that the tragedy is spreading out to AlMuzeireeb, Jilin, Tel Shehab, and AlAjami areas, where thousands of Palestinian refugees have been struggling for survival.



Meanwhile, UNRWA Commissioner-General Pierre Krähenbühl, who visited Yarmouk Camp on Tuesday, took part in a ceremony held in Damascus to honor a group of highest performing 9th Grade UNRWA students, the vast majority of whom are girls.



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The event included a meeting with Aya Abbas, who was born and grew up in Yarmouk, before having to flee the camp in late 2012 when the conflict engulfed the neighborhood. Despite the immense adversity, she scored top marks in all her final exams.

Krähenbühl congratulated her and the other students for their courage and achievements: “You are an inspiration to all Palestine refugees and to the world”.



The Commissioner-General held meetings with UNRWA staff in Damascus, Yalda and Sbeineh, as well as from Aleppo, Daraa, and Homs, first and foremost to express his deep respect and recognition for their outstanding determination and courage over all these years of conflict.

At a time when the Agency faces an unprecedented financial crisis, staff expressed strong worries about the possible impact on services. The Commissioner-General informed them of latest developments in the efforts to mobilize the critically needed additional funding, noting that UNRWA will knock at every door and reach out to every existing and potential donor: “I cannot imagine saying to our proud students that we have failed to keep open the schools that are so important in their lives”.



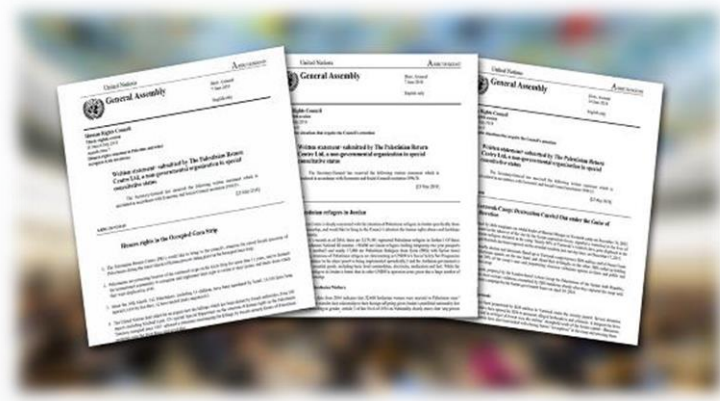
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At the same time, UNRWA in Birut announced its decision to update the data of Palestinians from Syria from 08:00 a.m. to 02:00 p.m.

UNRWA called on all family members to bring their identity documents. Family members aged fifteen or above should show up at UNRWA offices.

In the meantime, a report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in war-torn Syria was submitted by the Palestinian Return Centre (PRC) at the UN Human Rights Council, bringing a fruitful participation in the council's 38th session to a close.

The report, entitled “Yarmouk: Destruction under the Guise of Liberation”, spotlights the disastrous fallouts of the military offensive launched by the Syrian government forces and its war allies against Yarmouk Camp since mid-April 2018.



The report highlights the damage wrought on infrastructure and civilian homes, along with the forced deportation of residents prior to the conclusion of an agreement stipulating the retreat of armed militias and thousands of Palestinian civilians toward northern Syria.



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The report, the by-product of joint efforts by PRC and AGPS, underscores violations by ISIS outfits against Yarmouk residents and the longer-term aftermaths of the massive destruction inflicted on the camp, which remains an enduring symbol of the Palestine Refugee diaspora and of the extreme human costs of the devastating conflict in the country.

Two other reports on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Gaza and Jordan were also put forth, in move that dovetails PRC's endeavors to disseminate the Palestinian version, deconstruct biased pro-Israel media coverage, and to push UN bodies to enforce international law.

The reports will be roped in the United Nations' archive of official documents, which can be received electronically through the UN Official Document System search. UN documents can be accessed by keywords.

PRC has just concluded its active participation in the 38th session of the UNHRC held from June 18 to July 6 in Geneva.

Civil Action

AlKheyr Campaign, launched by the Palestine Embassy in Turkey, distributed cash and in-kind aids to Palestinian families from Syria and Iraq.

Reporting from Turkey, AGPS correspondent said the campaign has been ongoing for the fourth consecutive day.



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Some 13 families in Bolu, 15 in Kocaeli, eight in Nevşehir, eight in Kher Shahir, and 300 in Istanbul benefited from the move.

The campaigners are expected to reach out to other Palestinian families across the Turkish territories.

9,000 Palestinians displaced from Syria and Iraq have been seeking shelter in Turkey, where they have been enduring dire living conditions.