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الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية  
The situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria

### **Palestine Refugee Trainees in Syria Showcase Their Talents at Syrian Industrial Exhibition**

- **Displaced Families Call for Urgent Return to Yarmouk Camp**
- **Rubble-Clearance Ongoing in AlHajar AlAswad**
- **Street Lighting Initiative Launched in Palestinian Refugee Camps in Syria**



## Latest Developments

Eight Palestine refugee students from the UNRWA Damascus Training Centre (DTC) showcased their cutting-edge skills and expertise at the Syrian Industrial Exhibition earlier this month. The Exhibition is an incubator for the four main Syrian industrial sectors.

The students attended an UNRWA mechatronics course at DTC, which combined mechanical, electrical, computer and software skills, for the development of smart technologies. UNRWA student inventions include a thermoelectric generator, a composter, and a storage system for wind energy.

“The diversity of projects on display is a testament to the creativity, knowledge, perseverance, and the intellectual magnitude of our students, who thrive amid daunting challenges. They are able to meet the challenges and opportunities in the contemporary industrial world”, said Prafulla Mishra, Deputy Director of UNRWA Affairs, Syria.

During the exhibition, the students got an opportunity to demonstrate their skills but established future business relationships with the private sectors.

Muhannad Qasem, a DTC student highlighted, “I am happy to participate in the exhibition which provided me with a great opportunity to meet with employers who were impressed with our projects. Using advanced technology and innovative methods, we can meet our customers’ needs faster and enable business to grow.”

The two-day exhibition, organized by the Ministry of Industry of Government of Syria and opened by the Honourable Minister Ziad Sabaagh, was a unique opportunity to highlight the technical and vocational training courses provided by UNRWA to young Palestine refugees in Syria, and to enhance their experience and career prospects. The Agency’s vocational training programme enrolls some 8,000 Palestine refugees into skill bases programmes, enabling them to be competitive in their local labour markets.

In another development, activists continue to call on residents of Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian refugees, south of Damascus, to



return to the camp and retrieve their property as the only way to pressurize authorities to reconstruct destroyed infrastructure and vital facilities.

Lawyers warned of ongoing attempts to empty the camp of its residents, saying increasing the pace of family returns is the only means to bring life back to normal in the camp.

Efforts have been ongoing to rehabilitate the power and water networks.

Entering its 12th year, the Syrian warfare has had disastrous fallouts on Yarmouk Camp and other displacement camps set up across the ravaged country. In 2014, the Syrian regime cut off water in the camp, leaving hundreds of families at the risk of death.

Before the crisis started in 2011, Yarmouk was a bustling home to almost 30 percent of the Palestine refugee population in Syria. Today, the weight of displacement, hardship and the loss of loved ones add to the difficult living conditions in Yarmouk.

Along similar lines, Syrian authorities started removing debris from AlHajar AlAswad neighborhood, adjacent to Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian refugees.

The AlHajar AlAswad council said debris has been removed from Tishreen neighborhood pending similar drives in other neighborhoods. Efforts have also been ongoing to rehabilitate the sewerage network and the UNRWA health centre in the area.

Residents of the adjacent neighborhoods of Uruba and March 8th in Yarmouk Camp slammed Damascus Governorate for dragging its feet over their appeals for rubble-clearance.

In the meantime, the charity committee said efforts have been under progress to install solar panels in Palestinian refugee camps in Syria.

Last week, the charity installed 20 solar panels in Hindarat refugee camp, in Aleppo. Another 50 panels were also installed in AlHusainiya refugee camp, in Rif Dimashq, and AlAyedeen Camp, in Hums.

The power crisis has made the humanitarian situation inside displacement camps in Syria dire, as a cold winter season has





overwhelmed the war-torn country and at a time when prices of fuel and wood have skyrocketed.

Civilians continue to raise concerns over the increasing abductions, home-burglary attempts, and sexual harassment reported in refugee camps, particularly overnight due to chronic power blackouts.