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Latest Developments

On the 70th founding anniversary of the United Nations Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), AGPS calls on the Agency to work on sustaining and enhancing its core services for Palestinian refugees in/from Syria (PRS).

After more than eight years of conflict, Palestinian refugees who remained in Syria or who fled the war-torn country to Lebanon, Jordan, Gaza, Turkey, Egypt, and Thailand, among other destinations are identified as the world's most vulnerable groups.

Thus, UNRWA should increase its efforts in order to provide PRS with the legal, physical, and moral protection they quite urgently need at such a critical time and in such tension-stricken zones, where thousands, have been pronounced dead, arrested, injured, and/or displaced.



Serious efforts should be made by the Agency in order to assist registered PRS in hard-to-reach zones, particularly northern Syria. PRS in Lebanon and Jordan are also in need of urgent humanitarian assistance.



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UNRWA should also cooperate with UNHCR offices outside of its fields of operations in order to push for permanent humanitarian assistance of PRS.

AGPS believes it is high time the international community took up its financial and moral responsibilities and increased funds to the UN refugee agency in light of the financial crisis it has witnessed after the US—its major donor—cut its aids.

Along similar lines, the “Palestinians of Europe Conference...Past, Present, and Future” was launched on Saturday in Berlin, in line with UNRWA’s 70th founding anniversary.

Speakers drew attention to the repercussions of UNRWA’s service cut and decrease in funding for the Agency on Palestinian refugees from Syria.

Palestinian-Syrian researcher Ahmad AlBash warned that the remarkable shrinkage in UNRWA services and aids might lead to a deadly famine among the Palestinian refugee community.



In a research paper about UNRWA crises management in refugee camps in Syria and Lebanon, AlBash said survival for Palestinian



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families from Syria has largely hinged on the financial aids handed over to them by UNRWA every three months.

He further pointed out the frail legal protection mechanism adopted by UNRWA in Palestinian refugee camps in Syria and Lebanon.

Palestinian scholar Maher Hejazi also urged UNRWA to assume its responsibilities towards Palestinian refugees in northern Syria and in Turkey.

He stressed the need to mobilize support for UNRWA across the European continent in order to help the Agency sustain its essential services and implement its core programs for Palestine refugees.

In another development, Palestinian refugee Mahmoud Othman and his six-year-old son were injured after a restaurant exploded in the Dutch city of Kuforden. They were transferred to the Groningen city's hospital.



The explosion reportedly occurred after part of the restaurant rooftop collapsed in the grills corner.



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The refugee was a resident of AlNeirab camp, in Syria's Aleppo province.

In the meantime, Palestinian refugee from Syria Shadi Ahmad AlFar won the fourth place in the "Mr" contest and the fifth in the 100 kgs competition as part of the Dubai bodybuilding championship staged at the Dubai Muscle Show which took place on 5-7 December 2019 at Dubai Trade Centre.

Shadi fled Syria's Yarmouk refugee camp in 2012 to AlZahira, in Damascus, before he headed for Jordan, where he had stayed for a couple of years. He then travelled to the UAE and took part in the international muscle show.