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"2 Residents of Deraa Camp for Palestinian Refugees Injured at Gov't Checkpoint in Syria"

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- Cemetery at Palestinian Refugee Camp in Syria Ravaged
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Latest Developments

Two Palestinian young men from Deraa Camp for Palestinian refugees, south of Syria, were injured with Israeli bullet fire as they crossed a government-run checkpoint pitched near the camp.

Ahmad Abu Zard sustained serious injuries in his jaw and was rushed to the Deraa National Hospital. Omar AlMesri was wounded in his hand.

Recently, Syrian security forces abruptly closed off the access road to Deraa Camp for Palestinian refugees with sand barriers. Vehicles and civilians have been denied access out of and into the area.

The Syrian forces also closed off the main thoroughfare between Deraa city and Yarmouk Camp.

An AGPS reporter said sounds of heavy gunshooting have been detected in Deraa camp.

In another development, an international Red Cross delegation toured Yarmouk Camp and inspected the condition of the local infrastructure.

Muhjat AlQuds Foundation supervising a project to install solar panels in Yarmouk Camp called on the concerned human rights



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and humanitarian institution to join resources in order to rehabilitate Yarmouk Camp.

Meanwhile, residents of AlSayeda Zeinab Camp slammed the negligence maintained by the local authorities regarding the condition of the Shuhadaa Cemetery.

The residents said no cleansing campaigns or maintenance works have been spotted in the area.

In the meantime, Palestinian refugee Maher Abdul Hafidh Barghouth has been secretly held in Syrian government prisons for the 9th consecutive year.

Maher, born in 1981, was arrested in September 2012 on the access road between Yarmouk Camp and AlZahira neighborhood.

In another development, US Secretary of State Antony Blinken confirmed that the Biden administration's renewal of funding for UNRWA is conditional on anti-Israel and anti-Jewish education reform on Tuesday.

“We’re also determined that UNRWA pursue very necessary reforms in terms of some of the abuses of the system that have taken place in the past, particularly the challenge that we've seen in disseminating in its educational products antisemitic or anti-Israel information, so we're very focused on that,” Blinken said before the Appropriations Committees of the House and Senate regarding the State Department's budget requests for the 2022 fiscal year.



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He continued, adding that the State Department would be “looking very, very carefully” at the mechanisms that the refugee organization for Palestinians says it has in place in order to address problematic educational materials, which were discovered by a January 2021 review by Institute for Monitoring Peace and Cultural Tolerance in School Education (IMPACT-se), a non-profit that monitors the content of school textbooks.

UNRWA warned that the recent attacks on the Agency – alleging that it teaches “jihad” and “terrorism” – are biased attempts to drag a principled humanitarian agency into a highly politicised sphere where it does not belong. Moreover, they incorrectly cast UNRWA students as prone or supportive to jihad and terrorism.

However, in a statement issued earlier this year, UNRWA Commissioner-General Philippe Lazzarini said: “There should be no tolerance for stereotyping. Firmly sticking to neutrality and non-discrimination ensures that we can work with all parties to be able to assist and protect Palestine refugees.”

“As the largest UN or humanitarian agency operating in one of the most complex and longest-standing conflicts in the Middle East, we know better than anyone else the importance of remaining neutral”, he said. “The ongoing attacks and unfounded allegations against UNRWA are but a political tool to delegitimise the agency and the Palestine refugees that it protects. These attacks seek to draw the focus away from the hardships Palestinian refugees face due to their ongoing dispossession and displacement”.



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UNRWA has always maintained that strict commitment to humanitarian principles drives all of its positions and decisions. Every UNRWA staff member is trained in upholding the principles of neutrality and non-discrimination and is held accountable and disciplined if found in breach of them. At all 711 UNRWA schools in the region, students organise in school parliaments and learn about the importance of human rights, equality and tolerance. UNRWA schoolteachers are constantly trained on how to approach critically any educational content that is not in line with UN values.

“This means that all UNRWA operations are exclusively driven by the alleviation of suffering (humanity), while ensuring that its response is independent from military and political aims (independence), with no discrimination (impartiality), and not taking sides in conflict (neutrality). Being political is antithetical to being a humanitarian”, added Lazzarini.