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- Displaced Palestinian Families in Syria's AlAkkad Neighborhood Sound Distress Signals
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Latest Developments

450 Palestinian refugees from Syria who have sought refuge in AlKaroura camp, set up on the Greek island of Chios, have been subjected to a dire humanitarian situation in the poorly-equipped tents.

The refugees denounced the absence of vital services, saying they have been forced to sleep outdoors due to overcrowding.

They further spoke out against the spread of poisonous reptiles and rodents due to the poor hygiene in the camp.



The displaced families called on the international human rights organizations, including the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, to take urgent action in response to their appeals.

The Greek authorities continue to drag their feet over the refugees' calls to have their legal status worked out and to provide them with safe shelters.

Palestinian refugees from Syria continue to risk their lives onboard the "death boats" to Greece, rummaging around for a momentary respite from the daily scenes of bloodshed and destruction.



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AGPS has kept record of the death of dozens of refugees onboard Greece-bound ships. Several others have been arrested by Turkish coast guards.

Activists estimate that around 4,000 Palestinian refugees from Syria are seeking refuge in Greece.

Meanwhile, UNRWA said that 30% of Palestinian refugees from Syria (PRS) are highly vulnerable.

In its “Syria Regional Crisis Emergency Appeal 2019”, UNRWA said that 31 per cent of recorded PRS are members of female-headed households, which increases their vulnerability.

Due to new arrivals and natural population growth, the number of PRS recorded with the UNRWA in Jordan increased from 16,779 individuals in October 2017 to 17,719 at the end of October 2018. Based on observed trends, UNRWA expects the number of PRS to increase to 18,500 individuals by the end of 2019.



PRS who have entered from Syria and remain in Jordan irregularly are living under continuous risk of arrest, detention and potential for forced return to Syria. Their lack of legal status and corresponding protection risks in Jordan are a source of major concern to UNRWA.



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After eight years of conflict, Palestinian refugees in and from Syria continue to face significant humanitarian and protection needs. In the absence of a durable political settlement, intense hostilities and violence resulting in deaths and injuries, internal displacement, loss of livelihoods, decreases in the provision of public services, and extensive damage to civilian infrastructure have disrupted the lives of civilians and severely undermined coping mechanisms.

According to the Agency's database, of the estimated 438,000 Palestine refugees remaining inside Syria, over 95 per cent (418,000) are in critical need of sustained humanitarian assistance. Some 254,000 Palestine refugees have been displaced at least once since the beginning of the conflict and an estimated 13,500 are trapped in hard-to reach or inaccessible locations.

In another development, Palestinian families taking shelter in AlAkad neighborhood, in Khan Dannun Camp, said they have been denied their rights to vital facilities as the concerned authorities and UNRWA continue to consider their area an unrecognized zone.





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A resident said authorities do not recognize the neighborhood as legal, which deepens their abject socio-economic condition.

He added that water and power have been cut off in the area and that civilians have been denied access to vital facilities.

Over recent years, residents of Khan Dannun refugee camp have been gripped with dire conditions due to the high rates of unemployment, absence of relief assistance, and lack of access to basic amenities.

In the meantime, Palestinian refugee Omar Yakoob Hejazi, born in 1975, has been locked up in Syrian government prisons for the seventh year running.

Hejazi, a resident of Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian refugees, was kidnapped by the Syrian government troops on the Lebanese-Syrian borders. No data has yet been revealed as to his fate and location.

According to AGPS data, over 1,700 Palestinian refugees have been held captive in Syria's state-run lock-ups, among them 106 women and girls.