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Latest Developments

Palestinian refugees displaced from Yarmouk Camp and Khan Eshieh, south of Damascus, urged UNRWA to take on its responsibility regarding over 1,488 families taking shelter in northern Syria.

The families called for the need to provide them with much-needed cash aids, medical items, and relief services, saying UNRWA has not handed them over aids on account that opposition-held zones fall outside of its map of field operations.

The displaced families called on the concerned human rights institutions to pressurize UNRWA to provide refugees with cash and in-kind aids along with the legal, physical, and humanitarian protection.



They further urged the UN agency to strike partnerships with other NGOs and deliver shelter and food allowances at the soonest possible time.

Palestinian refugees sheltered north of Syria have been enduring a tragic situation. Most of them have been crammed in poorly-equipped tents and denied their rights to vital services.



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In another development, a number of Palestinian students garnered excellent marks at secondary school exams (main session) for the scientific and literary branches across the Syrian territories.

The results were released by the Syrian Ministry of Education on Wednesday, July 10.

Palestinian student Haneen Husain, raised in Yarmouk refugee camp, snatched the first rank in Rif Dimashq province with a score of 2,860. Ahed Abd AlQadir Asaad, from Yarmouk camp, got the second rank in Damascus and the fourth in Syria. Ola Diab Ashmawi, also raised in Yarmouk camp, was ranked among Damascus top ten students, with a score of 2,542 marks. Palestinian student Rita Khaled AlAssaad, from AlAyedeen camp, in Hama, won the second rank in Hama.

The Syrian warfare has contributed to a sharp nosedive in the rates of access to education, estimated at 75% in 2015, down from 95% prior to the conflict.

Most of Syria's schools have been destroyed or put out of operation in the raging warfare, imperiling the education of the Syrians and Palestinians alike.

Concerns over abrupt abduction sweeps, torture, and enforced military conscription have led to a dramatic increase in school dropouts and tremendously affected children's access to education.



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Meanwhile, 80 irregular migrants were detained by the Turkish security forces on Wednesday, July 10, across Bodrum region, overseeing the Aegean Sea, as they attempted to illegally enter Greece.

Turkish security sources said the migrants are from Palestine, Syria, and Lebanon. Three other persons holding Syrian identity documents were also captured over migrant smuggling.



Turkey has served as a major launch-off point for migrants fleeing Syria, among other war-stricken zones, onboard “death boats” bound for Europe.

AGPS kept record of the death of dozens of Palestinian refugees at sea, trying to reach European destinations.

In the meantime, representatives of the Committee of Displaced Persons from Syria met with the chief of Hamas Refugee Affairs office, Abu Ahmad Fadl, at his office in Sidon, on July 9.

The delegations discussed the abject conditions endured by displaced Palestinians from Syria due to high rates of unemployment, loss of livelihoods, and acute dearth in relief



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assistance, along with the refugees' frail legal status and visa difficulties.

UNRWA has identified Palestinian refugees from Syria (PRS) in Lebanon as one of the most marginalized and poorest communities in the region.

Over 80 per cent of PRS cite UNRWA cash assistance as their main source of income; about 89 per cent of PRS live in poverty, while 95 per cent of PRS are food insecure, according to the UN agency.

Following a comprehensive verification exercise of PRS in Lebanon, conducted in July and August 2018, UNRWA verified the physical presence of 29,145 PRS (8,741 families) in the country, who are eligible for the Agency's emergency assistance. This indicates a gradual reduction of PRS in Lebanon, due to either onward movement or returns to Syria, while the pace of spontaneous and unassisted returns continues to vary. In 2019, it is expected that the country will host approximately 28,800 PRS (8,700 PRS families).

PRS rely heavily on UNRWA support to cover their basic needs and this dependency has remained high in 2019.

Along the same line, psychological support activities were held by the Community Development Center in Jaramana refugee camp for elderly people and persons with special needs.

The four-day event makes part of ongoing attempts to help the Palestinian refugee community in and from Syria overcome the traumatic upshots of the bloody warfare and deadly violence.



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Post-traumatic stress disorders, mental psychosis, sleeplessness and nightmares, eating disorders, and intense fear have all been among the symptoms with which Palestinian refugees, particularly children, have been diagnosed after they lost their homes, have had their parents/relatives killed in the war, underwent limb amputation, and witnessed daily scenes of death, dispossession, and destruction.

