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Latest Developments

AGPS has urged the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) and the General Authority for Palestinian Arab Refugees (GAPAR) along with the Syrian Health Ministry to provide the Palestinian refugee community in the war-torn country with hygiene kit and relief items in light of the coronavirus outbreak.

AGPS also stressed the need to supply Palestinian refugee camps with medicines, detergents, and disinfectants in order to help the displaced communities defend themselves against the deadly COVID-19 virus.

AGPS is deeply concerned that the lack of transparency maintained by the Syrian government regarding the pandemic will result in a catastrophic situation in displacement camps, at a time when the deadly virus continues to claim the lives of thousands of people across the globe.



AGPS fears the coronavirus could spread quickly in jails and in overcrowded displacement camps, where neither hygiene kit nor medical equipment are accessible.



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Over recent weeks, AGPS has warned of a projected outbreak of COVID-19 in Palestinian refugee camps in Syria. Though campaigns to help spread awareness among the camps' residents have recently seen the day, limited access to running water, pharmacies and medical facilities means displacement camps are more susceptible to the spread of the highly infectious virus.

Displacement camps set up in northern Syria are especially vulnerable as most hospitals and medical facilities have been bombed, rendering them out of order.

The Syrian government has reported only 25 cases of confirmed COVID-19 tests and two deaths from the virus.

Along similar lines, an AGPS reporter said seven Palestinian refugees from Syria have been infected with COVID-19, including six members of the same family who are being treated in Sweden.

The other Palestinian refugee is a resident of Germany, where he is currently hospitalized.

On March 29, Palestinian refugee from Syria Hasan Tershahni, aged 72, succumbed to coronavirus in the Netherlands.

On Thursday, the Palestinian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates said the number of coronavirus patients among the Palestinian diaspora communities has risen to 642.

In the United States, the number so far has reached 404, after 17 new cases were reported in Louisiana, Chicago, Michigan and Indiana, while 93 patients have recovered.



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Meanwhile, Palestinian refugees in Syria have lashed out at UNRWA over its unresponsiveness regarding their calls for urgent anti-coronavirus drives.

The refugees said the sterilization campaigns and precautionary measures carried out by UNRWA do not protect civilians against COVID-19 contaminations.



The refugees have appealed to the Agency to provide them with detergents, disinfectants, along with vital relief items. They also demanded that the Agency carry out home check-ups to identify coronavirus contaminations and transfer patients to medical quarantines.

They further appealed for urgent cash and food assistance to vulnerable families.

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Earlier, the government shut down schools, parks, restaurants and various public institutions, and called off army conscription.

Syria's healthcare system, among other infrastructure, has been ravaged by nine years of war.

In another development, Palestinian activists have called on charities and philanthropic persons to help a Palestinian refugee from Syria carry out an urgent right leg surgery in Lebanon.

The activists said cash contributions have been made by UNRWA and the Palestine Embassy in Lebanon. However, a sum of \$500 is still needed to pay surgery fees.

Nearly 28,000 Palestinian refugees from Syria have sought shelter in Lebanon, where they have been subjected to a precarious legal status and dire socio-economic conditions owing to their lack of access to vital services, particularly health care.

