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The situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



**European Union Announces EUR 246 Million Contribution in Support of Palestine Refugees**

- Palestinian-Syrian Writer Faysal AlHourani Passes Away
- Law 03/2018 Greenlights Rubble-Clearance in Yarmouk Camp
- Palestine Embassy in Turkey Announces Delivery of Cash Grants to Palestinians from Syria



## Latest Development

The European Union announced a three-year multiyear contribution of EUR 246 million to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine refugees in the Near East (UNRWA).

In a key meeting on the margins of the Brussels IV Conference on 'Supporting the future of Syria and the region', UNRWA Commissioner-General Philippe Lazzarini met with the European Commissioner for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Olivér Várhelyi to discuss the vital services the Agency delivers to Palestine refugees impacted by the ongoing conflict in Syria and across the Middle East.

UNRWA welcomed the announcement of the provision of predictable and regular funding to the Agency for the next three years, totalling EUR 246 for the 2022-2024 period. This reliable and predictable support will ensure lifesaving assistance to Palestine refugees, including education, health care, and relief and social services.

In addition, the contribution of EUR 15 million from the EU Food and Resilience Facility will ensure food security for the most vulnerable Palestinian refugees, at increased risk given the sharp rise in global food and commodities prices.

Lazzarini said: "This multi-year funding allows us to plan in the medium term and we hope this will serve as a model for other donors. We welcome additional contributions to the UNRWA Programme Budget in 2022 to support food assistance to those most in need. For more than 50 years, the EU has been a solid and



reliable partner, and our partnership continues to allow millions of Palestine refugees to be better educated and live a dignified life, thus contributing to the development of the entire region.”

In another development, Palestinian writer and researcher Faisal Hourani passed away, on Thursday, in Geneva at the age of 83.

The Palestinian Authority paid a heartfelt tribute to the intellectual leader, stressing that Palestine lost one of its great thinkers.

Through his writings and research, Hourani actively contributed to the national liberation struggle of the Palestinian people.

The writer was born in 1930 in the village of Masmiya, near Gaza, before he moved with his family to Syria in 1948, where he pursued his education.

He issued many books and studies, including “Palestinian political thought from 1964 to 1974“, “Joint Arab action, Israel: rejection & acceptance” and “The roots of Palestinian rejection“.

Moreover, he wrote “Trapped” in 1973, “Bear Shum” in 1979, and “Stingray” in 1984, in addition to his codification of his autobiography in five parts entitled “Paths of Exile“.

Meanwhile, Damascus Governorate has announced its intention to remove debris from March 8th Street, in Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian refugees, south of Damascus, in accordance with Law 03 of 2018.



The move comes following complaints filed by civilians about the severe damage inflicted on their houses and property due to uncleared rubble.

Law no 03/3018 gives the governor the authority to determine damaged zones and buildings that should be removed. The property owner is given a one-month deadline to present his/her ownership documents but is denied the right to appeal the governor's decision.

The governor is also entitled to issue demolition orders against uninhabitable houses and to issue a five-member committee to identify the condition of damaged buildings and assess ownership documents. The committee is led by a real estate judge and comprises head of the survey department in the real estate registry, a real estate expert, a representative of real estate interests, and a representative of the residents.

Palestinian refugees said Law no 3/2018 fails to take into consideration the situation of those who have been displaced from the camp and lost their documents in the war. They are unable to renew their documents or obtain new ones in a one-month time-span, in a country severely affected by the war. Several of them traveled to other destinations and cannot return to the country over retaliation concerns.

In the meantime, the Palestine Embassy in Turkey announced its decision to resume delivery of cash grants for Palestinians from Syria.





Refugees will be receiving their cash allowances on May 14 – 15 starting 10:30 a.m. at the Fanar School, run by the Palestine Embassy.

On May 14, grants will be delivered to holders of the temporary protection card known as “kimlik” and holders of the Turkish residency permit registered at the embassy.

Refugees who do not hold Turkish documents will be receiving their cash grants on May 15.

The move makes part of the Takaful campaign launched by the Palestinian Ministry of Endowment and Religious Affairs. A sum of 1 million USD has been collected as part of the humanitarian drive.

Unofficial statistics indicate that 10,000 Palestinians from Syria have sought shelter in Turkey, where they have been facing dire socio-economic conditions and denied access to the local labor market.

Turkish embassies continue to prevent Palestinian refugees from Syria from obtaining visas. As a result, hundreds of Palestinians have embarked on life-threatening journeys via illegal immigration roads to reach Turkey, fleeing war-tattered Syria, among other war-stricken zones.