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"Turkish Association Embarks on Campaign to Support Displaced Palestinians North of Syria"

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- Palestinian Child Goes Missing in Syria
- Families in Ramadan Camp Grappling with Price Leap
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Latest Developments

Avaaz Organization has launched a campaign in solidarity with some 750 Palestinian families who were forcibly deported to northern Syria.

The campaign comes in response to the reluctance maintained by UNRWA, the Palestinian Authority, and human rights institutions regarding the calamitous humanitarian situation of displaced Palestinian families north of Syria.



A report passed on by AGPS, in partnership with the Palestinian Return Centre, to the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) in Geneva on September 19, 2018 as part of the 39th session, warned of the sweeps of forced deportation of Palestinians to northern Syria and the abject living conditions which they have been subjected to.

Meanwhile, member of the committee overseeing debris clearance in Yarmouk Camp, engineer Mahmoud AlKhaled, said 40% of residential structures have become fit for habitation.



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Speaking with Sputnik news agency, AlKhaled said 40% of buildings require reconstruction while the remaining 20% have been turned into mounds of rubble.



Deputy Secretary of the Palestinian Factions in Syria Khaled Abdul Majid told the same source that 160,000 displaced Palestinian refugees sheltered in and around Damascus seek to return to the camp.

A few days earlier, head of the political department of the Palestine Liberation Organization Anwar Abdul Hadi said debris clearing has been ongoing in Yarmouk to unblock access roads to AlShuhadaa Cemetery.

The Syrian government forces regained control over Yarmouk Camp and southern Damascus towns following a 33-day military operation launched on April 19. At least 33 civilians were killed and dozens more injured in the offensive. Over 80% of buildings in Yarmouk have gone either totally or partially destroyed in the warfare. Dozens of homes have been subjected to burglary and looting.



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Meanwhile, 10-year-old Palestinian child from Syria Osama Ahmad, raised in Yarmouk Camp, disappeared from AlSayeda Zeinab, in Rif Dimashq, some three days ago.

The child's family appealed to the human rights institutions to work on disclosing their son's fate and whereabouts.



In a letter sent to AGPS, the family said Osama has gone missing since October 9.

At least 300 Palestinians from Syria have gone missing since the outburst of the Syrian conflict.

In the meantime, residents of Ramadan Camp continue to launch cries for help over the socio-economic crises they have been enduring as a result of poverty, unemployment, the acute dearth in vital items, including fuel, and the swift price leap.

Ramdan Camp for Palestinian refugees is located some 50 kilometers away from southeastern Damascus. The nearest city to the camp is located at a distance of nine kilometers.



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In another development, UNRWA on Wednesday signed a \$400,000 agreement with the Republic of Korea, seeking to support the provision of cash assistance to Palestinian refugees from Syria in Jordan to cover their essential needs.

UNRWA cash programming remains the “most flexible, cost-effective and dignified means to meet the daily requirements of refugee and displaced populations”, according to a press release issued by the agency on Wednesday.

During the signing ceremony, Director of UNRWA Operations in Jordan Roger Davies hailed the Republic of Korea, noting that the donation “proves the commitment of the people of Korea and their friendship with the Palestinian community, encouraging other nations to come forward and support UNRWA in this tough time for the agency”.

For his part, South Korea's ambassador to Jordan, Lee Bom-yon, expressed his “delight” over the news of the positive results of the past deal, expressing hopes for similar results to arise from newly signed agreement.

The contribution comes at a critical time for the UN agency, which is currently facing an unprecedented funding shortfall threatening its ability to sustain its core services including emergency interventions.