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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



### "Palestinian Refugee Children in Syria Denied Access to Food Items via Smart Card"

- PA President Receives Representatives of Reconstruction Committee in Yarmouk Camp
- Palestinian Refugees in Syria Subjected to Aid Fraud
- AlHusainiya Camp for Palestinian Refugees Gripped With Fuel Shortage

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## Latest Developments

A number of Palestinian refugees said their children aged below 15 have been barred from smart cards used by the Syrian government to ration bread and a wider range of subsidized goods, namely fuel, rice, tea, and sugar.

Several refugee families said they have not received sufficient quantities of bread and food items.

The General Authority for Palestinian Arab Refugees (GAPAR) claimed that Palestinian refugee children cannot obtain a national identification number, unlike Syrian children.

The company operating the smart card said only people having national numbers can receive food items.

After more than a decade of conflict, Palestine refugees continue to be one of the most vulnerable groups in Syria with immense humanitarian needs.

Palestinian refugees in Syria continue to launch cries for help over their deteriorating humanitarian condition due to the sharp decrease in the exchange rate of the Syrian pound compared to the USD and their lack of access to the local labor market. The price leap has also overburdened the cash-stripped refugees. House rents have also seen a striking hike from previous years.



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Meanwhile, Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas met on Friday with representatives of the reconstruction and rubble-clearance committee in Yarmouk Camp at the presidency headquarters in Ramallah, in the Israeli-occupied West Bank.

The delegation briefed Abbas on the progress of debris-removal works in Yarmouk Camp and underway efforts to facilitate the return of hundreds of displaced families to their homes.

Abbas pledged that the PA will keep up its efforts to assist Palestinian refugees in displacement camps in and outside Syria, in light of the multiple hardships wrought by the coronavirus pandemic.

He further vowed to contribute to the equipment of healthcare facilities run by the Palestinian Red Crescent in Syria.

In the meantime, Palestinian refugees sheltered in Damascus have received warnings regarding fake banknotes received as part of UNRWA cash aid.

Photos circulated on social media network showed photos of counterfeit banknotes of 1,000 Syrian pounds handed over to a Palestinian refugee by the Al Haram transfer company.

Over recent months, Palestinian refugees have urged UNRWA to pressurize AlHaram Company for international transfer to cease mistreatment of refugees who show up at the company's office to withdraw their cash aid. The refugees have been forced to line up for over hours in overcrowded queues outside of the company.



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In another development, dozens of cash-strapped families in AlHusainiya refugee camp, in Rif Dimashq, said they have been deprived of fuel supplies needed for cooking and heating.

Civilians said they have not received fuel supplies slated to be distributed via the smart card every three weeks for over four months.

A gas cylinder is sold on the black market at up to 100,000 Syrian pounds, forcing families to use diesel stoves as an alternative.

A liter of fuel, sufficient for no more than three days, is sold at 3,500 - 4,000 Syrian pounds. Bus drivers sell their allotted fuel supplies at steep prices, resulting in a transportation crisis.

High unemployment rates and the absence of relief assistance by UNRWA and other humanitarian institutions have made survival quite difficult in the area.