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Latest Developments

Hundreds of Palestinian and Syrian families who have been forcibly deported to northern Syria have been grappling with an abject humanitarian situation as most of them have been taking cover in underequipped tents and denied access to vital services.

The families appealed to the concerned human rights institutions to take urgent measures so as to supply them with much-needed fuel food and non-food items.

Several Palestinian families who were forcibly deported to northern Syria are crammed into over-crowded camps where neither power nor water supplies are available.



High rates of unemployment and lack of relief assistance have made the situation far worse for the displaced families.

According to data by the Commission of Palestinians of Syria for Relief and Development, as many as 1,488 Palestinian families have been sheltered in the northern Syrian regions of Idlib, Efrin, and Aleppo's suburbs. The largest number of families are taking refuge in Idlib.



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Some 819 Palestinian families have sought shelter in Idlib, including 226 families in the city center, 152 in Atama, 60 in Akrebat village, and 60 more in Sarmada town. 50 families are taking refuge in Maarat AlNu'man and Jericho, south of Idlib, and also in Ataa village.

In another development, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) has announced its decision to suspend classes in its schools in Syria after more people have been diagnosed with Coronavirus across the MENA region.

The decision is to be put into effect starting March 14 to April 2. There have been no confirmations yet of coronavirus cases among the Palestinian refugee community in Syria.

This week, war-ravaged Syria announced a number of strict measures despite the government saying it has no confirmed cases.

There are concerns that the number of infections is being withheld by the government, with some Syrian lawmakers having questioned the official reports.





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The Syrian government announced a series of precautionary measures, including closing schools and universities until April 2.

Following a Cabinet meeting Friday evening, the government also said it was reducing working hours in public institutions and canceling all cultural and sporting events, and all other events involving large gatherings, for the time being.

Syria also says it has taken preventive measures at all ports and border crossings. It has suspended travel with neighboring countries Iraq and Jordan, and it has halted religious tourism for a month.

Other countries across the Middle East have already taken steps to contain the pandemic, including halting flights and imposing self-quarantines.

Meanwhile, Palestinians taking shelter in Hama and its refugee camp have been facing a deteriorating humanitarian situation as a result of the price leap, absence of stable financial resources, the sharp shortage in fuel supplies, frequent power blackouts, and absence of humanitarian assistance.

Civilians said they have run out of much-needed fuel and gas supplies, adding that an acute dearth in sugar and rice continues to rock the area.

The residents further denounced the poor quality and quantity of bread loafs sold in the area.

AGPS documented the death of 26 Palestinian residents of AlAyedeen Camp in Hama between March 15, 2011 and early October 2019 due to war-related incidents.



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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. A kilogram of powdered milk has hit 325 Syrian pounds while a liter of liquid milk has reached 400. A bread bundle costs 125 SP, olive oil 30,000, and a kilogram of chicken 25,000.

In the meantime, Ber Society and Social Services distributed secondhand clothes to vulnerable people in Hama camp for Palestinian refugees.

Hama camp is home to nearly 7,000 Palestinian refugees from Syria and another 2,000 Palestinians displaced from other zones.

