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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"Displaced Palestinian Families Denounce Steep Burial Prices in Yarmouk Camp"

- Resident of Palestinian Refugee Camp Killed in Syria
- Palestinian Refugees from Syria in Lebanon Urge UNRWA to Transfer Cash Grants
- Donors Secure Treatment Fees for Palestinian Child in Lebanon



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Latest Developments

Palestinian refugee Jamil Melheis was killed in violent shootouts with Syrian opposition forces in AlGhab area, in Hama's northern outskirts.

The victim is a resident of AlNeirab Camp and a member of the Fourth Division affiliated with the Syrian security forces.

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Burying their deceased beloved ones has become a nightmarish quest for Palestinians taking refuge in and around Yarmouk Camp. The refugees find it too difficult to secure a burial spot due to a shortage of land and soaring tomb prices.

The residents have been subjected to tough security restrictions as they attempt to entomb their deceased relatives in the local cemetery.

In order for burial procedures to be green-lighted by the government-run Palestine Branch, a medical report and a death certificate should be obtained by the family. Documents proving that the deceased person is a resident of Yarmouk and that he/she has no affiliations with the opposition forces should also be acquired by the family.

In another development, Palestinian refugees in Lebanon have raised concerns over their exacerbated humanitarian situation at a time when the Lebanese government has imposed a four-day extended lockdown starting May 13 as part of the anti-coronavirus fight.



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The refugees appealed to UNRWA to urgently transfer their cash grants.

UN data indicates that the majority of Palestinian refugees, particularly those fleeing war-torn Syria (PRS), continue to face dire conditions and high vulnerability in Lebanon.

According to information collected by UNRWA, more than 80 per cent of PRS indicate that the Agency's cash assistance is their main source of income.

95 per cent of PRS are food insecure, while about 89 per cent of PRS live in poverty. 36 to 57 per cent of PRS youth face unemployment.

In August and September 2019, UNRWA conducted a verification exercise of PRS in Lebanon and verified the physical presence of 27,803 PRS in the country. The number of PRS in Lebanon has been gradually decreasing over the past two years, and UNRWA estimates that in 2020 the country will continue to host approximately 27,700 PRS (8,450 families).

UNRWA said PRS's vulnerability is further compounded by their precarious legal status. According to the Agency's monitoring data, around 55 percent of PRS do not possess valid legal residency documents. The lack of a valid legal status, often coupled with outdated civil registration documents, results in severely restricted freedom of movement for some PRS in Lebanon due to fear of arrest, detention and being issued a departure order.



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Meanwhile, activists said benevolent donors have contributed sums of money for the treatment of a Palestinian child from Syria living in Ein AlHilweh camp, south of Lebanon, and whose foot has been broken in an accident.

The father was forced to take his child out of the hospital after he failed to secure surgery fees.

According to a survey conducted by the American University of Beirut in 2015, nearly 90 percent of the PRS population in Lebanon live in poverty, including 9 per cent who are in extreme poverty and unable to meet even their most essential food requirements.