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Competition:

AGPS announces the launch of the “Untold Stories” competition. This is your chance to tell your or someone else’s story that has been left out of history books and put your/their voice at the forefront of war literature.

We’re inviting you to write your own narrative as part of the “Untold Stories” competition. Your short story should focus on the tragedy that has befallen the Palestinians of Syria due to war-related incidents, most notably shelling, blockade, abduction, and displacement. The text should focus on a single experience.

To be shortlisted for the prize please send your well-written story to the following email: tellus@actionpal.org.uk

Our competition is open to anyone who has an untold story to share with us. Entry closes on March 15, 2021.

The winner will receive a prize of 200 USD. The second and third best stories will receive respectively 100 USD and 50 USD.

Latest Developments

Fires broke out at the house of Palestinian refugee Ahmed Abdul Haq in the eastern corners of AlNeirab Camp, in Aleppo, resulting in heavy material damage.

Local sources attributed the fires to an electric short circuit.



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Residents of AlNeirab camp have been subjected to poor conditions and overcrowding due to adjacent building construction, which has had negative impacts on their hygiene and health condition and resulted in the lack of proper ventilation, exposure to sunlight, and privacy.

With the dramatic rise of coronavirus cases in Syria and the world, civilians remain at an increasing risk of contracting the virus.

AlNeirab camp is the largest official camp in Syria and is 13km east of the city of Aleppo near the Aleppo airport.

Before the start of the conflict in Syria, Neirab camp was home to more than 20,000 Palestine refugees.

Meanwhile, local authorities have started operating the Tishreen Reserve Bakery in Deraa Camp for Palestinian refugees, south of Syria, in order to test staff performance, years after the facility had gone out of operation due to heavy shelling.

Reconstruction works have been funded by Première Urgence Internationale. The bakery will be providing bread to the residents in accordance with a distribution plan set by local authorities.

Over recent years, residents of Deraa camp for Palestinian refugees, south of Syria, have spoken out against the acute shortage in bread, saying they have been forced to walk for several kilometers to fetch bread for their starved children.



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Long queues are also spotted daily outside of the state-owned bakery, located a few kilometers away from the camp, as members of extended families continued to line up for bread.

Daraa Camp for Palestinian refugees has been grappling with abject conditions as a result of the fallouts of the military operation launched by the Syrian government forces in mid-June 2018 using internationally-prohibited weapons in an attempt to recapture the area. Over 70% of civilian homes and property were destroyed.

An acute shortage in medicines and much-needed items has made life unbearable in the area.

In the meantime, Palestinian refugee Mustafa Ali Ayoub, born on August 11, 1996, has been secretly held in Syrian government prisons for the 9th consecutive year.

Mustafa was kidnapped by Syrian security forces at the age of 16 from his family home in ALTadhamun neighborhood on October 05, 2012 over allegations of taking part in anti-government protests.

AGPS has documented the secret detention of 1,797 Palestinian refugees in Syrian government prisons, among them 110 women and girls.

In another development, a Palestinian refugee died of coronavirus in The Netherlands, in the second such case reported in the country.



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The victim—Salah Jaboul, displaced from Syria’s refugee camps of Yarmouk and Khan Eshieh—died a couple of days ago after he contracted COVID-19 in the Netherlands. He was transferred to a hospital for treatment.

In March 2020, Palestinian refugee from Syria Hasan Tershahani, aged 72, succumbed to the disease in the Netherlands.

18 Palestinians from Syria have succumbed to the novel coronavirus so far, according to AGPS data.

UNRWA

In its more than 700 schools educating more than 500,000 Palestine refugee children across the Middle East, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) curriculum emphasizes the UN values of neutrality, human rights, tolerance, equality and non-discrimination with regard to race, gender, language and religion.

UNRWA said in a statement that it consistently reviews all educational materials and textbooks against these values and in the rare cases where discrepancies are found, provides enrichment materials to teachers to enable them to enter into critical thinking discussions with their students to address any issues identified.

With the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, UNRWA’s dedicated teachers, principals and administrators – the vast majority of whom are refugees themselves – nimbly transitioned the



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educational system to remote learning within days. To help with the sudden and major changes thrust upon students, and because internet access and electricity are unreliable in many students' homes, teachers in the West Bank and Gaza quickly distributed printed educational materials.

Unfortunately, in the rush to continue students' education uninterrupted, some material the Agency had previously identified as not in line with UN values was mistakenly included. As soon as the issue was identified, the Agency conducted a thorough review of the entirety of the self-learning material that UNRWA developed and took steps to address it.

In order to ensure that all educational materials provided to students are those which have been approved by the Agency as in line with UN principles and values, the Agency developed an innovative, secure Agency-wide self-learning platform which will contain all of the learning materials for all UNRWA students. Currently in its final review process, the platform will be launched in coming days.

Consistent with UN practice in all refugee situations, UNRWA uses curricula in its schools provided by host countries, to enable its students to transition to host country educational systems at any level and to participate in the social and economic life of the host country more broadly. UNRWA teachers are trained in teaching concepts of tolerance, human rights, and conflict resolution to students.



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UNRWA also said that it has a zero-tolerance policy for discrimination and for incitement to hatred and violence in its schools and in all of its operations. The Agency adheres, in its education programme, to the highest standards of neutrality, humanity and tolerance. UNRWA invests heavily in teacher training and uses modern teaching pedagogies to facilitate student learning and outcomes.