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"Palestinians from Syria in Lebanon Shorn of Legal Protection"



- **Health Situation Takes Turn for Worse in Yarmouk Camp**
- **UNRWA Deplores Escalation of Violence in Southern Syria**
- **Sweden Contributes SEK 60 Million to UNRWA to Support Palestinian Refugees in Syria**

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Latest Developments

Palestinian refugees from Syria in Lebanon have launched cries for help over the precarious legal status and lack of protection they have been made to endure in the Lebanese territories.

60% of Palestinians from Syria are grappling with deportation concerns while 67% live in a perpetual fear over their families' safety. 80% said they feel insecure due to the mayhem rocking the region.



At the same time, the Lebanese authorities continue to rebuff appeals for renewing the residence permits of those who entered Lebanon after 2015, blacklisting them as “illegal immigrants” and ruling for their immediate deportation in no more than 15 days.

On Monday, September 19, 2016, the Lebanese authorities stipulated that every single refugee who overstays his visa in Lebanon has to shell out \$200 to get a renewed six-month permit.



Meanwhile, the health situation in Yarmouk Camp, in Damascus, has gone sharply downhill as hundreds of civilian residents sustained life-threatening diseases. All hospitals and clinics in the camp, except for the under-equipped Palestine Hospital, have gone out of operation due to the acute shortage in medical stuff and specialized practitioners as a result of the tough blockade slapped by the regime army and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine – General Command (PFLP-GC) for 1,362 days in a row.

3,000 to 5,000 civilians have been trapped inside the shelter while 187 refugees died as a result of undernourishment and medical neglect.

ISIS militias have grabbed hold of large areas of Yarmouk Camp since early April 2015, in cooperation with AlNusra Front battalion. As a result, thousands of trapped civilians fled to nearby towns for fear of being killed by ISIS.

In another development UNRWA sounded the alarm over the escalation of violence in Deraa Governorate, south of the Syrian capital, Damascus. Bloody hostilities in the area is causing the displacement of Palestine refugees, impeding humanitarian access to critical aid and has resulted in the deaths of Palestine refugees in recent weeks.

An estimated 2,500 UNRWA students have missed an average of two weeks of schooling with intermittent school closures starting as of February 12.

Over the past few days, UNRWA has been providing assistance to over 200 families who have escaped violence in the village of Jilin located 25 km west of Deraa City. UNRWA estimates that over 90% of the



Palestinian refugee families from Jilin have fled as a result of the escalation of armed violence reported to have started on February 20.

According to UNRWA, the events which have taken place in Jilin are part of a larger pattern of population displacement caused by increased fighting in the south. In early February, 200 Palestine refugee families were displaced eastwards from the villages of Jamleh, AlShajarah, Koya, and Tassil into Muzeireeb and Jilin.



As an imperative to protect lives, UNRWA repeated its demand that all warring parties in Syria comply with their obligations under international law and desist from conducting conflict in civilian areas. Armed groups and other parties must also comply with their legal obligations to protect civilians and facilitate safe and uninterrupted humanitarian access to live-saving services and relief assistance.

In the meantime, the Government of Sweden, through the Swedish International Development Agency Cooperation (SIDA), has contributed SEK 60 million (approximately US\$ 6.6 million) to UNRWA to support the agency's emergency response to the Syria regional crisis (SEK 30



million) and the situation in the occupied Palestinian territory (oPt) (SEK 30 million).

This latest contribution from Sweden will enable interventions under the agency's emergency appeals that are included in the Humanitarian Response Plans for Syria and the oPt and the UN-coordinated appeals in Jordan and Lebanon, helping UNRWA to ensure that Palestine refugees affected by these crises are provided with protection, humanitarian assistance, food assistance and basic services to help alleviate their suffering.

Prior to the war, 560,000 Palestinian refugees had been taking cover in Syria. According to UNRWA statistics, 450,000 Palestinian refugees are currently sheltered in Syria. 120,000 Palestinians fled the country, including 30,000 to Lebanon and 17,000 to Jordan.

Palestinians of Syria: March 15, 2017 Statistics:

- *At least 3,463 Palestinians, including 455 women, were killed in war-torn Syria.*
- *1,175 Palestinian refugees, including 83 women, are incarcerated in Syrian government lock-ups.*
- *Yarmouk refugee camp has been blockaded by the Syrian regime army and Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine - General Command (PFLP-GC) for 1,362 days in a row.*
- *190 Palestinians died of undernourishment and medical neglect in the blockaded Yarmouk Camp.*



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- *Water supplies cut off in Deraa and Yarmouk camps respectively for 1,068 and 876 days.*
- *Residents of Handarat Camp, in Aleppo, denied access to their homes for 1,412 days. Government battalions have been holding sway over the camp for more than 146 days.*
- *Government troops ban residents of AlSbiena Camp from returning to their homes for 1,217 days running.*
- *Over 79,000 Palestinian Syrian refugees fled to Europe until mid 2016.*
- *31,000 Palestinians from Syria are housed in Lebanon.*
- *17,000 Palestinians from Syria are taking refuge in Jordan.*
- *6,000 Palestinian-Syrian refugees are sheltered in Egypt.*
- *8,000 Palestinian-Syrian refugees are taking shelter in Turkey.*
- *1,000 Palestinian-Syrian refugees are sheltered in the blockaded Gaza Strip.*