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Latest Developments

Three-year-old Palestinian child from Syria Maria Tamer Abu Azarah, taking shelter in Ein AlHilweh Camp, south of Lebanon, after she was deported from Yarmouk Camp with her family, succumbed to a deadly cancer on Sunday.

Over recent months, Maria's family have frequently appealed to all human rights institutions and concerned authorities to cover fees for the treatment of their daughter, diagnosed with blood cancer.



The family said that the child underwent regular checks at Ghassan Hamoud Hospital, where medics diagnosed her with blood cancer and ordered that she stay under control to undergo life-saving treatment.

Medics also said that Maria was in need of four chemical doses weekly and that for the coming two years at least one chemical dose was needed.

The family have failed to secure the money needed for the prescribed chemical doses as a result of their abject living conditions.



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Maria is one among dozens of other refugees who have breathed their last owing to the apathy maintained by the international humanitarian bodies and the medical negligence they have fallen prey to in the Lebanese territories, among other countries to which they fled in the hunt for a safe shelter.

Meanwhile, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) has appointed Amany Michael Ebye, a Ugandan national, to the position of Director of UNRWA Affairs in the Syrian Arab Republic as of 15 February 2019.



Amany joined UNRWA in March 2017 as Deputy Director of Programs, Syria Field Office. In that role, he supervised the development and implementation of programs for the 438,000 Palestine refugees in Syria.

“I am excited to be able to continue building on our work with and for the Palestine refugee community of Syria. After eight years of conflict, Palestine refugees continue to be one of the most vulnerable groups in Syria with immense humanitarian needs,” Amany said.



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UNRWA is confronted with an increased demand for services resulting from a growth in the number of registered Palestine refugees, the extent of their vulnerability and their deepening poverty.

UNRWA is funded almost entirely by voluntary contributions and financial support has been outpaced by the growth in needs. As a result, the UNRWA program budget, which supports the delivery of core essential services, operates with a large shortfall.

UNRWA is a United Nations agency established by the General Assembly in 1949 and mandated to provide assistance and protection to some 5.4 million Palestine refugees registered with UNRWA across its five fields of operation. Its services encompass education, health care, relief and social services, camp infrastructure and improvement, protection and microfinance.

In another development, Palestinian refugee Husam Maw'ed has been held in Syrian state prisons for the seventh consecutive year.

Husam was kidnapped along with the Palestinian girl Salma Abdul Razaq at the al-Bashir checkpoint, set up at the main entrance to Yarmouk Camp, on December 30, 2012. Their fate and whereabouts have been shrouded in mystery.

AGPS documented the incarceration of 1,729 Palestinian detainees in Syrian government prisons.

In the meantime, some 100 German activists rallied in Passau city, protesting a decision by the Bavarian government to deport the



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Palestinian refugee from Syria Arafat Shreih, his wife Samah Daqaq, and their child from Germany to Latvia.

The rally-goers voiced their anger over underway attempts to torn the family apart and urged the local authorities to backtrack on the refoulement decision.

The Bavarian government in Germany issued a decision to deport the family to the eastern European country of Latvia, where they were first granted asylum, before they headed for Germany.

The German authorities rebuffed the family's appeals for a legal stay in the country, where they have lived for three years.

The expectant wife and her husband, both formerly sheltered in AlNeirab Camp for Palestinian refugees, in Aleppo, were detained by the German police while their six-year old child was transferred to an orphanage.



Activists said the wife was released from a detention center, pending her deportation. As soon as she showed up at the airport the police decided to delay her refoulement after medical checks diagnosed her with health disorders.



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The family fled AlNeirab Camp for Palestinian refugees in Aleppo, before they reached Greece. Shortly after, the UN secured their arrival to Latvia, where they were granted asylum.

The family had been enduring abject conditions in Latvia due to socio-cultural and linguistic discrepancies along with xenophobic reactions and denial of access to vital services in the country.