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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



### "Elderly Palestinian Refugees in Syria's Khan Eshieh Camp Line Up for Hours to Get Bread"

- UNRWA Delays Delivery of Cash Aid to Palestinian Refugees from Syria in Lebanon
- Child Dies in Fire in Greek Migrant Camp

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## Latest Developments

Palestinian refugees have railed against the violations committed by pro-government officers in Khan Eshieh camp, west of Rif Dimashq province, during bread distribution to avoid lining up in long queues outside of AlJalil bakery.

Elderly refugees said military officers are seen evading long queues under the pretext they are government officers.

Over recent years, residents of Khan Eshieh Camp for Palestinian refugees, in Rif Dimashq, have appealed to the concerned authorities to work on supplying civilians with much-needed bread and increase bread and flour quantities allotted for AJalil Bakery.



They have also called for reconstructing local bakeries, which have been severely damaged by violent onslaughts launched by the government forces over the past few years.

Survival for the majority of Palestinian families in war-stricken Syria has largely hinged on relief assistance. The vast majority of families have been living below the poverty line.



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Along similar lines, UNRWA said its cash aid for displaced Palestinians from Syria (PRS) in Lebanon will not be transferred on time due to the recent economic turmoil inflicted by the coronavirus outbreaks.

In text messages sent to the refugees, the Agency said that in line with the current situation and the closure of banks, monthly cash assistance will be delayed for one week.

UNRWA has identified PRS in Lebanon as one of the most marginalized and poorest communities in the region.



In its 2020 Syria crisis emergency appeal, UNRWA said that PRS in Lebanon continue to face high vulnerability and marginalization, making them heavily reliant on UNRWA humanitarian support to cover their basic needs. The socio-economic hardships and unrest experienced by the country have compounded PRS' already dire living conditions.

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.



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PRS's vulnerability is further compounded by their precarious legal status. 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 or forced deportation.

Meanwhile, a child died in a fire in an overcrowded migrant camp on the Greek island of Lesbos on Monday, fire brigade officials said.

The blaze burned through two containers used as living quarters by people in the Moria camp, as well as some tents, a spokesman said.

"During the operation, a dead little girl was found," the fire brigade spokesman told Reuters News Agency. The child was aged between six and seven. The cause of the fire was not immediately clear.

Moria, built to accommodate fewer than 3,000 people, has about 19,400 people in the camp and its environs living in crowded and filthy conditions.

Lesbos was on the front line of an enormous movement of refugees and migrants to Europe in 2015 and 2016.

There was a surge in arrivals after Turkey announced, on February 28, that it could no longer contain the large numbers of migrants it hosts because of an anticipated surge of displaced people from Syria.

Medical charity Doctors Without Borders (Medecins Sans Frontieres, or MSF) on Sunday urged Greece to immediately evacuate migrants from overcrowded camps on its islands because of a high risk of the coronavirus spreading swiftly among people living in squalid conditions.





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Greece reported its first death from the virus on Thursday, in the town of Patra on the mainland. It has confirmed 117 cases of coronavirus so far, including one on the island of Lesbos, where the notorious Moria camp is located.

"The evacuation of the camps on the Greek islands is now more urgent than ever," the charity said. "We need to be realistic: It would be impossible to contain an outbreak in such camp settings".

Palestinian refugees from Syria continue to risk their lives onboard the "death boats" to Greece, rummaging around for a momentary respite from the daily scenes of bloodshed and destruction. AGPS has kept record of the death of dozens of refugees onboard Greece-bound ships. Several others have been arrested by Turkish coast guards.

Activists estimate that around 4,000 Palestinian refugees from Syria are taking cover on such Greek islands as Lesbos, Mytilene, Chios, Leros, and Kos, among other areas.