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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"UNRWA: Thousands of Palestinian Refugee Children Bear Brunt of War in Syria"

- Yarmouk's Displaced Families Level Heavy Criticism at Damascus Governorate
- Water Crisis Ongoing in Khan Eshieh Camp
- Gaza Ministry Includes Palestinians from Syria in Aid Handouts
- Palestinian Refugee Anwar AlBahri Forcibly Disappeared by Syrian Regime for 9th Year

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Latest Developments

The psychological effects of the prolonged Syrian conflict have been devastating, especially for vulnerable Palestine refugee children, said the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA).

The seven-year conflict in Syria has left its mark on the entire country, but for Palestine refugees, already one of the most vulnerable groups in society before the conflict, have been amongst the worst affected. Many Palestine refugee children have lost their homes and in some cases a family member as well. Many have experienced displacement, trauma, intense fear and disruption to their normal lives.

Child labour and child marriage have substantially increased since the conflict began.

Post-traumatic stress disorders, mental psychosis, sleeplessness and nightmares, eating disorders, and intense fear have all been among the symptoms with which Palestinian children have been diagnosed.

AGPS renews its calls to the international community, human rights institutions, UNICEF, UNRWA, and all concerned bodies to work on protecting Palestinian children in embattled Syria and provide those who fled the war-torn country with physical and moral protection in the host countries.



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AGPS has recorded the death of 252 Palestinian refugee children in war-torn Syria. Hundreds more have gone orphaned after they lost one or both of their parents in the deadly warfare.

In another development, merchants and families displaced from Yarmouk Camp slammed Damascus Governorate and the member of its executive office Samir AlJazaerli for hindering projects seeking to reconstruct ravaged houses and destroyed infrastructure.

The residents warned of attempts by the Governorate to implement the widely-condemned reconstruction plan issued last year.

The families called on Jazaerli to step down as he reneged on his promises to secure means of transportation and push for reconstruction.

Along similar lines, residents of Khan Eshieh camp have accused staff of the Water Company of favoritism and corruption, saying water supplies have been unevenly distributed across residential neighborhoods.

Palestinian families taking refuge in Khan Eshieh camp, in Rif Dimashq, said water has been frequently cut off across residential neighborhoods.

The residents have warned of the repercussions of the water crisis on their children's health condition in light of the global propagation of the COVID-19 pandemic.



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An AGPS reporter said most of the families sheltered in the camp are cash-stripped and cannot afford to buy drinking water from privately-owned tanks at a price of up to 3,000 Syrian pounds a tank.

Civilians also continue to rail against the poor sanitation networks and improper sewage disposal. The displaced families warned of the life-threatening diseases wrought by the unpleasant smells stemming from contaminated sewage poured near their refugee camp. Frequent power/water outages have added bad to worse.

Palestinian families continue to appeal to UNRWA and the concerned authorities to take urgent action regarding the alarming humanitarian condition in the camp.

Meanwhile, the Follow-Up Committee of Palestinian refugees who returned from Syria to Gaza said the Social Development Ministry included the returnees on lists of food aid, Qatari grants, and other types of aid allotted to the ministry.

This came in a meeting held a couple of days earlier between the committee, the ministry's Commissioner-General, and the Refugee Affairs Department.

The committee said the meeting culminated in an agreement to follow up on the decision of the Council of Ministers issued on March 5, 2016 to assist returnees from Arab countries and also to discuss with UNRWA rental grants for Syria's returnees.



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Palestinians living in the Gaza Strip have been enduring dire living conditions due to the 14-year-long Israeli siege and the devastating upshots of the Israeli onslaughts on the coastal enclave.

Civilians continue to launch cries for help over the high rates of unemployment, lack of financial resources, and movement crackdowns, which they said have made life quite unbearable in Gaza.

The offensives launched by the Israeli military on Gaza have turned the enclave into a hell on earth as most families have lost their sources of income, homes, and property.

AGPS continues to express concern over the alarming situation in the besieged Gaza Strip in light of the propagation of the novel coronavirus COVID-19 and latest Israeli escalation.

According to data by the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), Gaza is one of the world's most densely populated areas, with more than 5,000 inhabitants per square kilometer. The Gaza Strip is smaller than the city of Oslo but is home to three times as many people.

A 2012 UN report predicted the Palestinian enclave would be “unlivable” by 2020 if nothing was done to ease the blockade, but in June 2017 a UN report on living conditions in Gaza stated that all the indicators were going in the wrong direction and that deadline was actually approaching even faster than earlier predicted.



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Gaza is described by many Palestinians and humanitarian actors as the world's largest open-air prison, where nearly 2 million Palestinians live behind a blockade and are refused access to the other occupied Palestinian areas and the rest of the world.

NRC said 7 out of 10 Palestinians in Gaza are registered as refugees, and many of these come from families who were forced to leave their villages in 1948. Many have also been forced to leave their homes due to war, violence, and economic hardship.

In the meantime, Palestinian refugee Anwar AlBahri has been secretly held in Syrian government prisons for the 9th consecutive year.

Anwar, born in 1977, was arrested on July 27, 2012 after Syrian security forces raided Deraa National Hospital.