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The situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria

Palestinian Girl from Syria Gets Highest Score at UNRWA Schools

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- **Palestinian Refugees Denied Access to Syria**
- **Palestine Envoy in Denmark Accused of Withholding Palestinian Passports**



Latest Developments

Palestinian refugee from Syria Labiba Ahmad Salim obtained the highest score at UNRWA schools in Tripoli, north of Lebanon. She is also ranked the 7th in Lebanon.

Labiba was displaced from Yarmouk Camp to Naher AlBared Camp, north of Lebanon, with her mother in 2012.

In another development, Palestinian refugees from Syria (PRS) leveled heavy criticism at UNRWA over a poll launched on July 15, saying it lacks credibility and transparency.

A number of PRS said the poll does not include the refugees' UNRWA card, mobile phone, and personal data, and can, thus, include counterfeit and fake data. In addition, the Agency has not specified distribution centres included in the poll.

Recently, an electronic poll was sent to the refugees to study their reactions to aid delivery and their views about UNRWA staff.

The refugees continue to show dismay at the mistreatment of staff at distribution offices along with UNRWA's lack of control over the aid delivery process.

Nearly 29,000 Palestinians from Syria have sought refuge in Lebanon, where they have been enduring exacerbated living conditions and subjected to a precarious legal status.

Meanwhile, a circular published by the Land Operations Directorate in Syria called for banning the entry of Palestinian refugees to Syria unless a permit is issued by Branch 235 to that end. The ban does not include Palestinians with Syrian travel documents.

Issued on July 17, the circular stipulates that entry permit be obtained by Palestinians holding passports stamped by the Palestinian-Authority, Jordan, Iraq, Libya, Lebanon, and Egypt.

Along similar lines, a number of Palestinian refugees from Syria in Denmark slammed the Palestine envoy for dragging its feet over their applications for Palestinian-Authority passports.

A number of refugees said they submitted demands more than one year ago but have received no reply so far.



Activist Mahmoud Abdul Kader accused the Palestinian envoy to Denmark of withholding passports of Palestinians coming from displacement camps in Syria and Lebanon.

Over recent months, Denmark has received accusations of double standards vis-à-vis migrants and asylum seekers. As the war in Ukraine triggered a mass exodus of refugees, countries have opened their doors wide to Ukrainians, offering a warm welcome that has historically been denied to other populations fleeing conflicts across the globe, particularly Palestinian refugees from Syria.

That contrast became more stark in recent months, when European governments have been accused of shunning desperate asylum seekers from Syria, even as they strive to be hospitable to asylum seekers escaping violence in Ukraine. European leaders have also described Ukrainian refugees as less of a threat and more deserving of help than others.

Denmark, which has some of the toughest anti-immigration legislation in Europe, passed a law that offers Ukrainian refugees expedited residency and work permits, giving them access to the education and health care systems. The law came as Syrian and Palestinian asylum seekers have been languishing for months in deportation centers in Denmark, after the country started revoking their residency permits in 2019.

In 2016, as many refugees fled conflicts in the Middle East and Africa to Europe, Denmark passed a law requiring newly arrived asylum seekers to hand over valuables, including jewelry and gold, to help pay for their stay in the country. Ukrainian refugees are exempt from that law.