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Latest Developments

Palestinian refugees in northern Syria continue to rail against the apathy maintained by the UN Works and Relief Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) regarding their appeals for urgent humanitarian assistance.

Palestinian families who have been displaced from Yarmouk and Khan Eshieh refugee camps along with Rif Dimashq to the northern Syrian provinces of Idlib and Aleppo said they have been shorn of much-needed relief services by the UN Agency.

The displaced families leveled heavy criticism at UNRWA and held the Agency accountable for the squalid humanitarian condition endured by hundreds of women, children, and sick refugees.

Though UNRWA's mandate includes Palestinian refugees in Syria, UNRWA has rarely provided relief services to the displaced Palestinians in the northern corners of the country on claims that the area is hard to reach.

AGPS continues to urge UNRWA to hand over much-needed relief items, including medicines and foodstuff, to the displaced Palestinians in all of its fields of operations, including northern Syria, and to provide them with the physical and moral protection they quite urgently need at such a critical time.

UNRWA provides assistance to over 438,000 registered Palestinian refugees in Syria. Some 13,500 others remain in hard-to-reach or inaccessible zones in northern Syria.



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Along similar lines, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) denied on Monday rumors about its intent to gradually freeze its relief activities.

"Some social media sites have been circulating news about a secret meeting held in the aim of halting the agency's work within 8 months while coming up with an alternative solution to Palestinian refugees' problem," UNRWA in Lebanon said in a statement, assuring that this information is counterfeit.

It added that the agency continues to provide its services to Palestinian refugees in the five regions of its operations according to the mandate granted to it by the United Nations General Assembly.

At the same time, displaced Palestinian and Syrian families taking shelter in Deir Ballout camp, in the northern Syrian region of Efrin, called on the Turkish authorities and AFAD to reopen the local clinic run by MELHEM volunteer group.

The clinic has been closed for a week following a decision issued by the Health Directorate in Ghusn AlZaytoun.

Recently, a state of panic has overwhelmed the Palestinian refugee community taking shelter in war-torn Syria following reports of increased coronavirus cases in and around Damascus.

Displacement camps set up in northern Syria are especially vulnerable as most hospitals and medical facilities have been bombed, rendering them out of order.



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Though campaigns to help spread awareness among the camps' residents have seen the day, limited access to running water, pharmacies and medical facilities means displacement camps are more susceptible to the spread of the highly infectious virus.

In another development, residents of Jaramana Camp for Palestinian refugees in Rif Dimashq continue to rail against poor sanitation networks and improper sewage disposal as a result of frequent blackouts and maintenance works in the area.

The displaced families warned of the life-threatening diseases wrought by poisonous rodents and unpleasant smells stemming from contaminated sewage poured near their refugee camp. Frequent power outage has added bad to worse.

Over recent years, residents of Jaramana Camp have launched cries for help over the dire socio-economic conditions, high unemployment rates, poor infrastructure, steep rental fees, and chronic water crisis rocking the area.