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The situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



As UNRWA Chief Visits Syria Displacement Camp, Palestinian Refugees Express Deep Anger

- Street Lighting Initiative Launched in Deraa Camp
- Palestinians from Syria Receive Cash Grants in Istanbul
- Palestinian Refugee Omar Daraji Forcibly Disappeared by Syrian Regime for 7th Year



Latest Development

UNRWA Commissioner-General Philippe Lazzarini paid a visit on Tuesday, April 19, to Khan Dannun Camp for Palestinian refugees, in Syria's Rif Dimashq province.

Lazzarini was accompanied by representatives of the General Authority for Palestinian Arab Refugees (GAPAR) and UNRWA department heads in Syria.

Palestinian refugees voiced their deep disappointment as the Commissioner-General did not hold a meeting with the residents to take note of their needs.

A refugee told AGPS that UNRWA and GAPAR staff prevented him from taking photos of the visit or talking to Lazzarini.

Following the visit, Lazzarini said that “during my many meetings with refugees and staff in the five fields of UNRWA operations over the last months, I have witnessed increased disarray and frustration, which sometimes has turned into anger. This year, a very harsh winter and the impact of the war in Ukraine on prices of food and fuel in the region add to the daily hardship you are facing”.

“I witnessed this firsthand few days ago, when I met with Palestine refugees in Khan Danoun Camp and Yarmouk in Syria. Many refugees shared with me their struggle to meet their basic needs and how the socio-economic situation compels them to return to live in the midst of the rubble in Yarmouk”, added Lazzarini.



In another development, UNRWA and GAPAR have embarked on a project to install solar panels to enhance street lighting across residential neighborhoods in Deraa Camp for Palestinian refugees, south of Syria.

The panels were mainly installed in the southern corners of the camp, which have sustained massive destruction in the conflict.

Over recent years, Palestinian refugees taking shelter in Deraa Camp kept appealing to the concerned authorities to repair power lines in the area, reconstruct destroyed facilities, and rehabilitate vital services.

Deraa Camp for Palestinian refugees has been grappling with abject conditions as a result of the fallouts wrought by the military operation launched by the Syrian government forces in mid-June 2018 using internationally-prohibited weapons in an attempt to recapture the area. 80% of civilian homes and property were destroyed.

Meanwhile, cash allowances have been distributed to Palestinian refugee families fleeing war-torn Syria to Istanbul as part of a campaign initiated sometime earlier by the Religious Affairs Ministry.

Representatives of the Palestinian refugee community in Istanbul said the grants will be distributed starting 03:00 p.m. on April 21-22 at AlFonar School.

Registered families should present their temporary visa cards and a family statement certified by the consulate.



Unofficial statistics indicate that 10,000 Palestinians from Syria have sought shelter in Turkey, where they have been facing dire socio-economic conditions and denied access to the local labor market.

Turkish embassies continue to prevent Palestinian refugees from Syria from obtaining visas. As a result, hundreds of Palestinians have embarked on life-threatening journeys via illegal immigration roads to reach Turkey, fleeing war-tattered Syria, among other war-stricken zones.

In the meantime, Palestinian refugee Omar Ibrahim Daraji, kidnapped from a government checkpoint in Qudsaya, in Rif Dimashq, has had a mysterious fate in Syrian government prisons for the seventh consecutive year.

His family continues to appeal for information about his condition and whereabouts.

AGPS has documented the secret detention of over 1,800 Palestinian refugees in war-torn Syria, among them 37 refugees held captive by the opposition forces.

AGPS has also documented the death of over 600 Palestinian refugees under torture in Syrian government lock-ups, including women, children, and elderly civilians.