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"Palestinian Refugee Children Win Int'l Mental Math Contest"

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Latest Developments

A team of 11 children from AlRamla School in AlAyedeen Camp for Palestinian refugees, in Syria's Hums province, won the first and second places in an international mental math competition.

Participants from 18 countries took part in the contest.

Schoolgirls Hala Shalabi and Rahma Mohamed Diab won respectively the second and third places.

Earlier this month, Palestinian child from Syria Wafaa Emad Aboura, aged 8, earned the third place in the Mental Arithmetic Tournament held in Dubai.

Hundreds of displaced Palestinian refugees in/from Syria have achieved success stories, despite the traumatic upshots wrought by the daily scenes of bloodshed and destruction across the embattled Syrian territories.

This includes scores of refugee students who have obtained the highest scores at their academic institutions; hundreds of refugee sportsmen/sportswomen who snatched the first places in regional and international competitions; dozens of artists who received renowned literary awards for their products and performances; and several housewives who turned trauma into a space of creativity.



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The conflict in Syria has had traumatic fallouts on Palestinian refugee children in and outside of Syria. Post-traumatic stress disorders, mental psychosis, sleeplessness and nightmares, eating disorders, and intense fear have all been reported among Palestinian children from Syria.

In another development, residents of Khan Eshieh Camp for Palestinian refugees denounced the exorbitant prices of vital food items, including sugar.

Speaking with AGPS, a number of residents said a kilogram is sold at a price of up to 3,500 Syrian pounds.

They warned of the increasing manipulation of sugar prices and supplies and called on the Syrian authorities to take urgent measures in response.

After ten years of conflict, Palestine refugees continue to be one of the most vulnerable groups in Syria with immense humanitarian needs.

Palestinian refugees in Syria (PRS) continue to launch cries for help over their deteriorating humanitarian condition due to the sharp decrease in the exchange rate of the Syrian pound compared to the USD and their lack of access to the local labor market. The price leap has also overburdened the cash-stripped refugees.

The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) said in its 2020 Syria regional crisis emergency appeal that 126,000 PRS are identified as



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extremely vulnerable; 89% live in poverty; 91% live in extreme poverty; and 80% rely on UNRWA cash assistance as their main source of income.

UNRWA also said that 55% of PRS do not possess valid legal residency documents; 100% of PRS are in need of winterization assistance; and 86% of PRS households are reported to be in debt.

Along similar lines, residents of AlHusainiya Camp for Palestinian refugees, in Rif Dimashq, said they have been subjected to fraud by bread sellers.

A number of residents who have been left without bread have received text messages confirming their receipt of bread supplies through the smart card.

Over recent years, residents of AlHusainiya Camp have sounded distress signals over the acute dearth in bread.

Hundreds of civilians continue to line up on a quasi-daily basis in long queues and under scorching heat outside of local ovens or to walk for long distances in the hunt for bread loafs to feed their starved children.

Along similar lines, residents of AlRaml Camp in Latakia continue to sound distress signals over the dire conditions they have been made to endure in the area owing to the poor infrastructure, absence of vital services, and price leap.



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The residents said their life has been marred by the transportation crisis, frequent power/water outages, and the poor healthcare services.

Civilians urged UNRWA to assume its responsibility in this regard and slammed the Syrian government for its apathy regarding their cries for help.

Recently, concerns have mounted over a striking increase in coronavirus cases in and around the Palestinian refugee camp, where the number of confirmed infections has already soared.

Medics sounded distress signals over the acute shortage in staff and equipment along with fuel needed to operate power generators at hospitals.

In the meantime, 33-year-old Palestinian refugee Hussam Ali Al-Rafai, a resident of Yarmouk, has been locked up in Syrian government penitentiaries for eight consecutive years.

Al-Rafai was kidnapped by the government troops deployed at a Damascus checkpoint on May 15, 2013.

AGPS documented the secret detention of 1,797 Palestinian refugees in state-run penal complexes across war-torn Syria, among them 110 women and girls.

AGPS also documented the death of over 550 Palestinian refugees under torture in Syrian government lock-ups, including women, children, and elderly civilians.



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Affidavits by ex-detainees provided evidence on the involvement of Syrian government officers in harsh torture tactics, including electric shocks, heavy beating using whips and iron sticks, and sexual abuse against Palestinian detainees, in a flagrant violation of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, commonly known as the United Nations Convention against Torture (UNCAT).

AGPS estimates the real number to be far higher due to the gag orders slapped by the Syrian government on the detainees' names and fates, along with the families' reluctance to report such cases over retaliation concerns.

AGPS continues to urge the Syrian government to disclose the fate of scores of Palestinians held in its lock-ups, release the bodies of those tortured to death, to seriously work on halting harsh torture tactics, launch fact-finding probes into crimes of torture, and to bring those involved in such crimes before courts.