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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



**"87% of Palestinian Refugees from Syria Live in Poverty in Lebanon"**

- Damascus Authorities Greenlight Mosque Reopening in Yarmouk Camp
- Palestinian Refugee from Syria in Turkey Appeals for Urgent Humanitarian Assistance
- 17 Palestinian Refugees Killed in Syria Shootouts in 2020

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## Latest Developments

Palestinian refugees from Syria (PRS) in Lebanon are grappling with increased hardship and vulnerability, due to long-term displacement and difficult socio-economic conditions, coupled with the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic, said UNRWA in a fact sheet entitled “Syria Regional Crisis Emergency Appeal 2021”.

According to UNRWA, 87% of PRS live in poverty in the Lebanese territories.

Nearly 65% of Palestinian refugees in Lebanon (PRL) live in poverty.

UNRWA’s factsheet indicates that 257,000 Palestinian refugees in Lebanon are in need of UNRWA emergency cash assistance.

At the same time, there are 104,409 confirmed COVID-19 cases, including 1,156 deaths, among Palestinian refugees in Lebanon as of December 2020.

Over 470,000 refugees are registered with UNRWA in Lebanon. About 45 per cent of them live in the country’s 12 refugee camps. Conditions in the camps are dire and characterized by overcrowding, poor housing conditions, unemployment, poverty and lack of access to justice.

Palestinians in Lebanon do not enjoy several important rights; for example, they cannot work in many professions and cannot own property (real estate). Because they are not formally citizens of



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another state, Palestine refugees are unable to claim the same rights as other foreigners living and working in Lebanon.

In another development, the Syrian Ministry of Endowment okayed the reopening of Abdul Kader AlHusaini Mosque in Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian refugees, south of Damascus.

The Ministry called on the Mosque staffers to work on removing debris and cleaning the mosque basement, pending the rehabilitation of daily congregational prayers.

Zakaria Ahmed Ma'wed was appointed by the Ministry as the Imam of Abdul Kader AlHusaini Mosque.

Back in 2012, onslaughts launched by the Syrian fighter jets on Abdul Kader AlHusaini Mosque in Yarmouk camp for Palestinian refugees claimed the lives of dozens of worshipers and civilians, including children.

At the time of the attack, the mosque served as a shelter for hundreds of families who fled the deadly strikes on the camp.

The event marked the largest mass exodus from Palestinian refugee camps in Syria. Only a handful of families regained access to the camp, after the government forces recaptured the area.

Meanwhile, Palestinian refugee from Syria Alaa Matlab, born in 1984, continues to appeal for urgent medical treatment in Turkey.

Alaa, who fled Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian refugees, in Damascus, was injured on January 28, 2021 with high-voltage



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electrical injury following which he has been hospitalized in Adana city after he fell into a coma.

Alaa's expectant wife and three children have been left on their own and are in need of urgent humanitarian assistance.

Hundreds of PRS have been unable to provide for their children and families in Turkey. A large number of companies, factories, and shops shut their doors for fear of further COVID-19 contaminations. Several Palestinian families have lost their sole sources of income as a result.

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, AGPS has documented the death of 17 Palestinian refugees as a result of armed shootouts in war-torn Syria in 2020.

Sometime earlier, AGPS said a total of 42 Palestinians died in 2020, including five refugees who drowned at sea. The list also includes four Palestinians who breathed their last on way to



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Greece. Another refugee died in 2018 but was identified two years later.

At the same time, 12 Palestinians died under torture in Syrian prisons in 2020 another eight refugees were extra-judicially executed or assassinated.