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The situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria

Palestinian Refugee Dies under Lebanon Trash Mounds

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Latest Developments

Palestinian Refugee Sa'id Ahmad Anis, aged 50, tragically died in a waste lab in the southern Lebanese city of Sidon.

A statement by the Domestic Solid Waste Treatment Centre, located in the southern outskirts of Sidon, was clearing dust from a fermentation digester when dirt mounds collapsed. Sai'd slid away but fell to the ground soon after. His face was hit with an iron pipe. He was rushed to Hamoud University Hospital, where he breathed his last.

Eye-witnesses said Sai'd did not fell on the ground, as the administration claimed, but choked to death under trash mounds after a giant truck dumped its waste near Said's work post.

Sai'd fled AlNeirab Camp for Palestinian refugees, in Aleppo, north of Syria, to Lebanon, where he risked his life to earn a living.

In another development, Palestinian refugee Zaher Hamid is competing in the Helsingborg municipality council in Sweden and the Skona regional council along with the Swedish Parliament (Nyans party), which advocates for refugee issues and the Palestinian cause.

Zaher, was born in 1970 and raised in Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian refugees, south of Damascus. His family hails from the occupied city of Safad, in Palestine. He worked as a geography teacher at Damascus institutions. He entered Sweden in 2013.

Zaher took it upon his shoulder to build a promising career in Sweden and become an active member of the Swedish community. He learned the Swedish language and worked as an assistant teacher. He also pursued his studies at the Malmo and Gutenberg universities.

“When I first came to Sweden my priority was to learn the language in order to get along with members of my new community. Politics wasn't on my agenda. I was only voting for parties that support the Palestinian cause and immigrants. But the growth of racism and xenophobia in Europe in general and Sweden in particular prompted me to join the Nyans party and run for municipal elections to speak up for minority groups”.



In the meantime, UNRWA in Syria said it will be delaying aid delivery to Palestinian refugees until early August.

Sources close from UNRWA said the Agency has not received funds pledged by donor countries.

According to an agreement between the UNRWA Commissioner-General and the head of the General Authority for Palestinian Arab Refugees, the cash grant will cover three months.

The most vulnerable refugees will be receiving 117,500 Syrian pounds. The other registered refugees will be receiving 85,000 pounds.

Palestinian refugees in Syria have called on UNRWA to increase humanitarian aid and cash grants and to deliver them to the concerned refugees every month rather than every four months.

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.

The assistance includes cash and in-kind items. Throughout the conflict, the most vulnerable Palestine refugees in/from Syria have been struggling for survival.

UNRWA data indicates that over half of the Palestine refugees in the country have been displaced at least once because of the brutal conflict that ensued, including 200,000 who have sought safety in neighbouring countries, mainly Lebanon and Jordan, and beyond.

Over 80% of PRS live in extreme poverty and rely on humanitarian assistance as their main source of income. 86% of PRS households are reported to be in debt.

In the meantime, the Syrian Trading Company, run by the Ministry of Interior and Consumer Protection, has launched works to rehabilitate its sales hall on Palestine Street, in Yarmouk camp.

The company will reopen its doors sometime soon. Food supplies will be sold in the camp at subsidized prices.

After more than a decade of bloody conflict, families who have returned to Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian refugees, south of Damascus, have been grappling with a dire humanitarian situation.



The absence of vital facilities, most notably healthcare services and access to education, along with the poor infrastructure and absence of means of transportation have made the situation unbearable in the camp.

At the same time, the residents continue to grapple with a chronic power blackout and exorbitant electricity bills. Mounds of rubble pile and uncleared garbage have made access out of and into the area quite a difficult task.

Before the crisis started in 2011, Yarmouk was a bustling home to almost 30 percent of the Palestine refugee population in Syria. Today, the weight of displacement, hardship and the loss of loved ones add to the difficult living conditions in Yarmouk.