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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"CSOs: UNRWA Cash Grants to Be Delivered to Palestinians from Syria in Lebanon Soon"

- Child Goes Missing in AlRamadan Refugee Camp
- Water Network to Be Rehabilitated in Yarmouk Camp
- Palestinian Refugee Mohamed AlBash Forcibly Disappeared in Syria for 8th Year
- Aid Items Distributed to Palestinian Refugees South of Turkey

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Latest Developments

The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) promised to transfer cash aid to Palestinians from Syria in Lebanon before Eid, according to popular committees in Lebanon.

Secretary of the popular Palestinian committees in Lebanon, Abu Eyad AlShaalan, said, following a meeting with UNRWA officials a couple of days earlier, that the Agency's Deputy Commissioner-General, Leni Stenseth of Norway, and Director General of UNRWA's Lebanon Operations, Claudio Cordone, gave positive pledges.

AlShaalan added that cash grants for the months of April and May will be shelled out in two weeks in USD or its equivalent exchange rate.

UNRWA officials also pledged to disburse future cash grants on a monthly-basis and to work out the hurdles faced by bachelors who are non-holders of Lebanese visas.

UNRWA's cash assistance represents a lifeline for the cash-stripped Palestinian refugee families who have been struggling with squalid conditions in Lebanon as a result of the multiple hardships inflicted by the coronavirus pandemic and the absence of legal protection.



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In its fact sheet entitled “Syria Regional Crisis Emergency Appeal 2021”, UNRWA said that 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.

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.

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



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In another development, Palestinian refugee from Syria Mohamed Ismail AlSalati, aged 12, disappeared from Rif Dimashq province some four days earlier.

His family, sheltered in AlRamadan camp for Palestinian refugees, in Rif Dimashq, continues to appeal for information about his condition and whereabouts.

More than 330 Palestinian refugees from Syria, including 37 women and girls, have gone missing since the outbreak of the Syrian warfare, AGPS has found out.

Most of those who have disappeared in the country are residents of Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian refugees, south of Damascus.

Meanwhile, the General Construction and Reconstruction Company said it has signed a contract with the General Water Company in Damascus in order to rehabilitate the water network in Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian refugees, south of Damascus.

The contract is worth 200 million Syrian pounds. Reconstruction works are slated see the day in a few weeks.

Water has been repeatedly cut off in Yarmouk Camp since 2014.

In the meantime, Palestinian refugee Mohamed Bassam AlBash, from Yarmouk camp, has been secretly held in Syrian government prisons for the eighth consecutive year.

Mohamed, a resident of Yarmouk Camp, was arrested on May 07, 2013 by Syrian security forces deployed near the main entrance to



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the camp. He is the brother of activist Ahmad AlBash, who was killed in an air strike by Syrian fighter jets on Abdul Kader AlHusaini Mosque.

AGPS has recorded the secret detention of over 1,790 Palestinian refugees, among them over 110 women, in Syria's state-run penal complexes.

Humanitarian Drives

The Palestine Charity distributed cash and in-kind aid items to displaced Palestinian families from Syria in the southern Turkish city of Kilis.

Iftar (fast-breaking) meals were also distributed to refugee families on Friday and Sunday as part of the humanitarian move, which was sponsored by the Arab Movement for Change in Palestinian territories occupied in 1948.

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.



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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.