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The situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



UNRWA Chief Calls for Support to Palestine Refugees in Syria

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Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), Philippe Lazzarini, called for increasing support for vulnerable Palestinian refugees in Syria.

“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”, said Lazzarini in a message to Palestine refugees. “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”.

Lazzarini expressed his deep concern about the deteriorating security situation in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, and Gaza. “And I am acutely aware that recovery from the latest conflict in Gaza is progressing much more slowly than anticipated.”

He said that in Lebanon, the desperation of Palestine refugees remains acute as many see no end to the unprecedented economic and financial crisis the country is going through.



“Standing on the edge of a cliff is distressing for everyone: primarily the refugees, but also the UNRWA staff and the hosts”, added UNRWA chief. “The painful reality is that in the last ten years, and despite immense outreach and fundraising efforts, the resources available to UNRWA have stagnated, while the needs of Palestine refugees and cost of operations keep increasing.”

In his view, the now chronic underfunding of UNRWA is the result of a combination of shifting geopolitical priorities, new regional dynamics and the emergence of new humanitarian crises compounded by donor fatigue for one of the world’s longest unresolved conflicts. All these have led to a clear de-prioritization of the Palestinian issue, including most recently among some donors from the Arab region.

Meanwhile, Frontex said the first quarter of this year was the busiest in terms of illegal border crossings at the EU’s external borders since the migratory crisis in 2016.

Refugees fleeing Ukraine and entering the EU through border crossing points are not part of the figures of illegal entries detected in the report.

Preliminary calculations by Frontex show that more than 40,300 illegal crossings were detected between January and March of 2022, 57% more than a year ago.

In the month of March, nearly 11 700 irregular migrants were recorded at the EU external borders, 29% more than in the same month of 2021.



Responding to the various challenges at the external borders, Frontex has more than 2,100 standing corps officers and staff deployed in its operational activities.

The Eastern Mediterranean route saw the number of arrivals of irregular migrants more than doubled in the January-March period to more than 7 000. The significant increase was driven by the detections of illegal border crossings in Cyprus, which rose three-fold to over 5 100 (on 7 005 detections for all Eastern Med route).

In the month of March, the total number of migrants detected also doubled to nearly 3 250.

Along similar lines, authorities in the Turkish province of Kirklareli transferred four asylum seekers to a hospital after they were subjected to aggressive beating as they tried to illegally cross the borders with Bulgaria, near northwestern Turkey.

Three of the asylum seekers are Palestinians. The fourth is a Moroccan.

A refugee said the group arrived in Bulgaria through Greece before they were caught by Bulgarian borders guards and stripped of their belongings. The guards forced them back to Turkish borders at gunshots.

In the meantime, dozens of Palestinians and Syrians sheltered in AlNeirab Camp for Palestinian refugees, in the northern Syrian province of Aleppo, joined a march held in solidarity with



Palestinian prisoners and sit-inners at Jerusalem's Al-Aqsa Mosque.

Demonstrators waved the Palestinian flag and chanted slogans condemning Israeli aggressions in occupied Jerusalem and human rights abuses against prisoners and sit-inners.

Over recent weeks, Israeli occupation forces broke into AlAqsa Mosque and arrested dozens of worshipers and peaceful sit-inners. Over 200 were injured.