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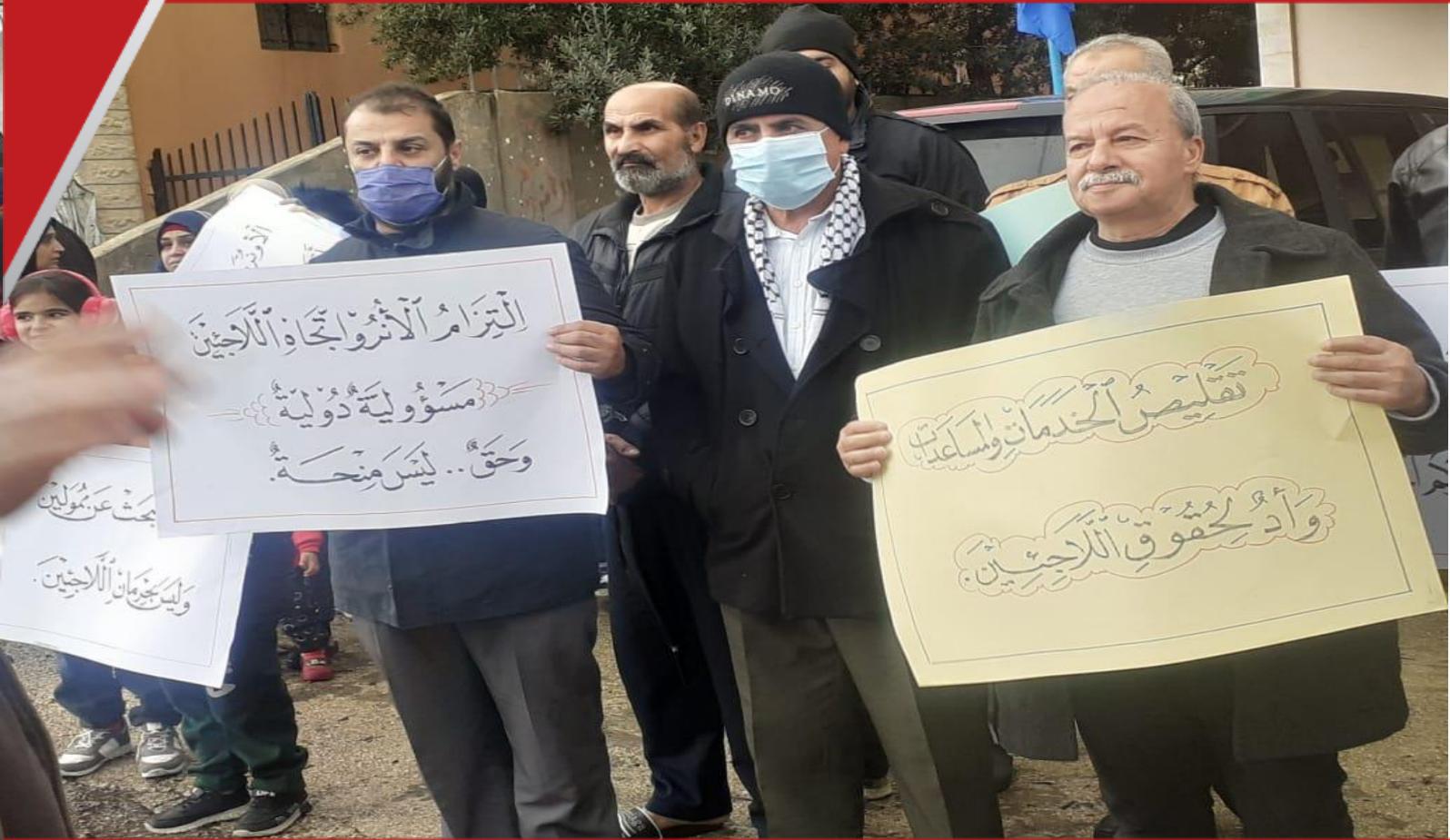
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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"Palestinian Refugees in Lebanon Keep Up Protest Moves over UNRWA Aid Cut"

- Palestinian Refugees Express Concern over Security Mayhem in Deraa Camp
- Palestinian Refugees Level Heavy Criticism at Turkey Spokespersons
- Retired Palestinian Refugees Slam PLO

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Latest Developments

Palestinian refugees and CSOs in Lebanon have rallied outside of UNRWA offices in Tyre and Sidon to protest the Agency's decision to reduce cash aid for Palestinian refugee families from Syria (PRS).

The protesters have strongly condemned the decision which they said is a sign of apathy regarding the abject humanitarian condition already endured by the Palestinian refugee community in displacement camps across the Lebanese territories.

They added that the decision is also a serious breach of UNRWA's humanitarian mission as mandated by the UN and the Agency's promise to assist Palestinian refugees in its five fields of operation, including Lebanon.

Palestinian refugees have urged UNRWA to work on their unconditional return to their homes from which they have been displaced by the Israeli occupation since 1948.

Last week, UNRWA said in a statement that starting 2022, multi-purpose monthly cash grants of 100 USD to every registered Palestinian refugee family from Syria (PRS) will be reduced to 25 USD per person.

The Agency also said every PRS will receive an additional cash grant of 150 USD two times a year. UNRWA will suspend its food allowances for PRS in Lebanon.



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The new measures will be put into effect as of January 1, 2022.

Palestinian refugees have expressed their shock at the decision, saying UNRWA cash aid is a lifeline for them.

At the same time, a number of NGOs leveled heavy criticism at UNRWA and urged the Agency to backtrack on the new measures which they said would result in further despair for PRS.

In another development, shootouts have rocked the outskirts of Deraa Camp for Palestinian refugees as clashes flared up between affiliates of the so-called gunmen Muayad AlHarfoush and Abu Shalash.

Two deaths have been reported. The exact number of victims remains unknown.

The clashes came following the abduction of a Syrian resident of Deraa Camp who confessed in a live footage to his affiliation with Muayad AlHarfoush and involvement in assassinations targeting residents of Deraa Camp.

In a video, the captive said AlHarfoush affiliates are involved in the assassination of a Palestinian from Deraa Camp and the assassination of another Palestinian man called Sami AlMesri.

Meanwhile, representatives of the Palestinian refugee community in Turkey met with the director of the Migration Directorate in Istanbul Bayram Yalenso to discuss the situation of Palestinians in Turkey.



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The two sides underscored the dire humanitarian situation endured by Palestinian refugees in Turkey where they have been denied the right to obtain legal visas.

Yalenso said the Turkish authorities will no longer accept applications for visas by Palestinian refugees in Fatih and Esenyurt.

Palestinian refugees from Syria slammed the visit which they dubbed futile as it did not tackle the legal hurdles they have been facing in Turkey.

In the meantime, Palestinian refugees from Syria have lashed out at the Palestinian Liberation Organization over the latest celebration held in Damascus to honour retired Palestinian teachers.

The refugees said the celebration was held in favour of Fatah affiliates while dozens of veteran and competent teachers have not been included on the awards list.

A refugee told AGPS that the celebration is “shameful” as every instructor received a sum of 50,000 Syrian pounds (15 USD) and 5,000 pounds as a transportation grant.

A few days earlier, the General Union of Palestinian Teachers honored a number of retired instructors from Palestinian refugee camps in Syria.

The list includes instructor Badriya Hasan Taamari who won the world’s best teacher award.



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The event marks the Palestinian Teacher's Day, celebrated annually on December 14 to pay tribute to Palestinian teachers who have served their students with extraordinary effort despite years of protracted displacement, unending occupation, and deadly shelling.

More than ten years into the conflict and more than one year into the pandemic, Palestinian teachers in displacement camps across war-torn Syria have made their best to ensure that their students' access to education never wavers, even in the most unpredictable and trying circumstances, in some of the most challenging contexts of war, blockade and poverty.