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"Palestinian Refugee Families in Syria's Yarmouk Camp Launch Distress Calls"

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Latest Developments

After ten years of conflict, Palestine refugees, particularly those taking shelter in Yarmouk, continue to be one of the most vulnerable groups in Syria with immense humanitarian needs.

Palestinian families taking refuge in Yarmouk Camp continue to launch cries for help over their exacerbated situation due to the price hike, high unemployment rates, steep rental fees, and the absence of fuel supplies.

The unabated warfare has had disastrous fallouts on Palestinian refugee camps across the Syrian territories. Palestinians who remained in Yarmouk or returned to the camp sometime later have been struggling for survival, in an area that has been severely affected by the deadly hostilities.

Over recent years, most of Yarmouk's families have lived on sporadic aid handed over to them by UNRWA.

Civilians continue to appeal to the concerned authorities to speed up reconstruction works and rehabilitate infrastructure and vital facilities, including water and power networks.

Thousands of Palestinian refugees were forced out of Yarmouk Camp after the Syrian fighter jets struck the area in late 2012. Dozens were killed and hundreds wounded in the onslaught. The situation went downhill after ISIS militias grabbed hold of the camp in April 2015 and closed off vital thoroughfares to the area. Scores of other stranded families fled the camp following the 33-



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day military operation launched by the government forces on April 19.

Entering its 10th year, the Syrian warfare has had disastrous fallouts on Yarmouk Camp and other displacement camps set up across the ravaged country. In 2014, the Syrian regime cut off water in the camp, leaving hundreds of families at the risk of death.

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.

In another development, transfer of UNRWA cash aid to Palestinian refugees from Syria in Lebanon has been suspended due to over-deposits of allotted sums.

Transactions have been delayed until the technical problem is worked out.

Last week, UNRWA pledged to transfer cash grants to Palestinian refugees in Lebanon for the month of March as of February 22.

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”.



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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.

Meanwhile, the Palestinian refugee community in The Netherlands has called for a mass participation in a webinar to be held via zoom application in order to discuss the situation of Palestinian refugees sheltered in displacement camps set up in northern Syria.

The webinar is slated to be held on Thursday. AGPS Director, Ibrahim AlAli, will deliver a statement about the dire condition endured by Palestinians in northern Syria.

The list of speakers also includes Mohamed Hanoun, head of the Charity to Support Palestinian People in Italy; Taha Oudeh, head of the Association of Palestinian Journalists in Turkey; journalist Mohamed Safiyeh, along with spokesman of the Palestinian community in the Netherlands, Ayman Nejme.

In the meantime, the Documentation Center of Palestinian Refugees in Northern Syria continues to call on Palestinian families coming from Idlib to Aleppo's northern suburbs to show up at the center in order to register their personal information and obtain the necessary identity documents.



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The Documentation Center of Palestinian Refugees North of Syria was established in order to keep record of and provide personal data about Palestinian refugees sheltered in northern Syria. The group cooperates with the concerned authorities to that end.

The center saw the day in response to the absence of authentic civil records and official bodies documenting the personal data (including marriage contracts, birth date, death date, number of children and newborns etc...) of the Palestinian refugees who have been taking shelter in northern Syria.

Along similar lines, a folkloric troupe has been founded by a group of Palestinian young men taking refuge in Lebanon's AlBekaa region.

The so-called "Al-Taghriba AlFalastiniya" troupe aims to revive Palestine's cultural and artistic legacy through music. Dozens attended its première performed in AlBekaa.

The number of PRS in Lebanon has been gradually decreasing over the past two years, and UNRWA estimated that in 2020 the country continued to host approximately 27,700 PRS (8,450 families).

UNRWA identified PRS in Lebanon as the country's most vulnerable community due to their precarious legal status. According to the Agency's monitoring data, around 55 percent of PRS do not possess valid legal residency documents.



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The lack of a valid legal status, often coupled with outdated civil registration documents, results in severely restricted freedom of movement for some PRS in Lebanon due to fear of arrest, detention and being issued a departure order.