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الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية  
The situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria

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## **Latest Developments**

Palestinian-Syrian young man Muhammad Ibrahim Zaidan was recruited as a researcher at the Butantan Governmental Research Institute in Brazil.

Over recent months, Muhammed has actively contributed to antiviral vaccine production, including coronavirus vaccines, in Brazil.

Along with a plethora of researchers and experts, Mohamed is working on producing efficient vaccines at the Butantan Biological Institute, in the western part of the city of São Paulo, Brazil.

The refugee was born and raised in AlNeirab Camp, in the northern Syrian province of Aleppo. He studied chemistry at Aleppo University and got his diploma in biochemistry with an honour. He moved to Lebanon before he reached Brazil to pursue his academic career.

He learned Portuguese in 14 months and worked with Baxter international medicines company. He managed a project to connect advanced analyzers with the United States of America.

Instituto Butantan, where Mohamed was recruited as a researcher, is a public institution affiliated with the São Paulo State Secretariat of Health and considered one of the major scientific centers in the world. Butantan is the largest immunobiologicals and biopharmaceuticals producer in Latin America (and one of the largest in the world). It is world-renowned for its collection of venomous snakes, as well as those of venomous lizards, spiders, insects and scorpions. By extracting the reptiles' and insects' venoms, the Institute develops antivenoms and medicines against many diseases, which include tuberculosis, rabies, tetanus and diphtheria.

In another development, a transportation crisis continues to rock government-run zones and Palestinian refugee camps in Syria.

The situation has been exacerbated by the fuel crisis and the sharp increase in transportation fees.



Workers and students have also had difficulties getting to their workplaces and universities.

The residents continue to speak out against the steep and unfixd transportation fees, often devouring up to 90% of their salaries. Civilians are often forced to catch another means of transportation as bus drivers change the lines, stops, and fees according to their whims. Others have found no other way-out than to walk for dozens of kilometers in order to reach their workplaces.

In a new poll, Palestinian refugees said they pay as much as 90% of their low salaries for transportation.

Along similar lines, students and workers in Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian refugees, south of Damascus, continue to appeal to the concerned authorities to secure transportation means to give them daily lifts to their universities and workplaces.

Photos circulated on social media networks show dozens of residents working for several kilometers at the crack of dawn to reach their destinations.

The residents called for the need to secure buses to transfer students to and back from their academic institutions, saying schoolchildren and students have been forced to pay twice the tariff imposed by local authorities.

Meanwhile, director of the Power Company in Rif Dimashq said efforts have been ongoing to repair the power networks in the area, including in the Palestinian refugee camps of AlHusainiya and Jaramana.

He attributed the chronic power crisis to overpopulation.

Palestinian refugees continue to denounce the chronic power blackouts rocking the area, saying power has been cut off across a number of residential neighborhoods for over ten hours daily. The water network is hardly operated for a couple of hours daily.

The residents have slammed the power company for dragging their feet regarding their appeals for urgent maintenance works.