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### "AGPS: Vulnerable Palestinian Communities Worst Affected by Syrian Warfare"

- UNRWA to Re-Adjust Cash Aid to Palestinians of Syria
- Rights Group Urges UNRWA to Increase Cash Grants to Palestinians of Syria
- Damascus Meeting Underscore Services Procurement in Yarmouk Camp
- UK commits £12.6M to United Nations Relief and Works Agency



## Latest Developments

AGPS has expressed deep concern over the condition of elderly Palestinian refugees, minors, and women, who have been most affected by the bloody warfare and its ensuing socio-economic crises since 2011.

According to AGPS data, from 2011 to March 2021, women and girls make up 12,21% (478 victims) of the overall death toll recorded in the period under study. Children make up 6,27% (250 victims) while adults represent 93,71% (4,047) of the death toll.

AGPS estimates the real number to be far higher due to the gag orders slapped by the Syrian government on the victims' names, along with the families' reluctance to report such cases over retaliation concerns.

Violence against vulnerable people, be it sexual, physical, or verbal, has remained under-reported among the Palestinian refugee community in/from Syria, with reasons wavering between fear of retaliation, embarrassment, fear of punishment for those below the age of criminal responsibility, and distrust in law enforcement.

The number of migration victims is also commensurate with the escalated hostilities rocking the Syrian territories and the closed-door migration policies pursued by European states to rein in refugee influx from tension-stricken zones.



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In another development, UNRWA said the Agency will re-adjust the exchange rate of its cash grants to Palestinians of Syria from 34,000 Syrian pounds per every registered refugee to 60,000.

Vulnerable cases will receive a sum of 90,000 Syrian pounds, up from the current 52,000 grant.

The decision has reportedly seen the day after Syria's Central Bank announced an increase in the exchange rate of USD for international organizations that are operative in the war-ravaged country.

UNRWA will temporarily suspend aid distribution until it re-adjusts the exchange rate. Text messages will be sent to the concerned refugees.

Along similar lines, Association 302 for Defense of Refugees Rights said UNRWA cash grants to Palestinians of Syria are insufficient and do not meet their basic needs.

The Association urged UNRWA to increase its cash grants to Palestinian refugees who have been severely affected by the warfare.

Along similar lines, member of the executive Office of Damascus Governorate Samir Jazaerli said he discussed with six international organizations the condition of vital facilities and services provision in and around Damascus Governorate.



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The meeting discussed underway efforts by Damascus authorities to rehabilitate power/water and sewerage networks and remove debris from access roads.

Activists and residents of Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian refugees have slammed Damascus authorities over their apathy regarding their appeals to reconstruct destroyed premises and facilitate civilians' return to the camp.

The refugees said none of the pledges made by Damascus Governorate regarding the rehabilitation of Yarmouk Camp have been materialized on the ground.

Palestinian families continue to call on the concerned authorities to allow them a safe return to their homes in Yarmouk Camp, in Damascus, and to press ahead with reconstruction projects.

A number of activists have warned of ongoing attempts to alter the demographic character of the camp and blur its identity as a living witness to the Palestinian refugee plight.

In 2019, the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) published the results of an assessment of the damage to Syrian cities caused by seven years of relentless bombardment by the incumbent regime and its allies since 2011.

The analysis found out that as many as 5,489 buildings were destroyed in Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian refugees. The damage atlas used satellite-detected damage analysis to identify buildings that are either destroyed, or severely or moderately damaged.



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In the meantime, the United Kingdom announced a contribution of £12.6m to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA), bringing the UK's bilateral contribution for Financial Year April 2020 - March 2021 to £63.6m, a British consulate press release said on Wednesday.

The UK was one of the top donors to UNRWA during this period and will continue to support the Agency in providing education, health services and emergency food to Palestinian refugees in the OPTs, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon, said the release.

British Consul General Philip Hall said: "I am delighted that the UK is able to provide this additional funding to UNRWA to facilitate the Agency's vital work with Palestinian refugees. Through UNRWA, the UK has ensured that thousands of Palestinian refugees received an education, healthcare and emergency food supplies. This work is particularly important as the region tackles the Covid-19 pandemic."