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"Displaced Palestinian Families Facing Deteriorating Conditions in Syria's Khan Eshieh Camp"

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Latest Developments

Palestinian families taking refuge in Khan Eshieh camp, in Rif Dimashq, have been struggling with squalid humanitarian conditions inflicted by the eight-year long warfare.

As in other refugee camps across Syria, the cost of living index in Khan Eshieh is several times higher than the pre-war period. Prices have seen a 1000% leap, overburdening even further the cash-stripped families.

Unemployment rates have also seen an unprecedented increase among Khan Eshieh residents, resulting in growing poverty rates.

Over recent years, most of the displaced Palestinian families have depended on aids sporadically given by UNRWA and other charities to pay rental fees and purchase much-needed items.



The displaced Palestinian families continue to denounce the apathy maintained by local authorities as regards their calls for clearing the mounds of trash piled up across residential alleyways.



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Frequent outages in power/water and telecommunications networks have made the situation more alarming.

Civilians have also been living in a perpetual fear of arrest and prosecution as several residents have been summoned to questioned, others were sent to jail, and several others blackmailed or threatened.

The families have appealed to UNRWA and the relief institutions to take urgent action regarding the alarming humanitarian condition in the camp.

Along similar lines, civilians taking shelter in Syria's AlHusainiya Camp for Palestinian refugees, in Rif Dimashq, have voiced deep concern over the health hazards inflicted by the trash mounds piled up across residential alleyways and the standing wastewater flooding the main access roads.

The residents said wastewater and garbage piles have resulted in bad smells and the spread of life-threatening diseases and rodents.





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Photos circulated on social media network Facebook showed standing wastewater and mounds of trash in AlMadaris neighborhood.

Civilians have appealed to the concerned authorities to take immediate action in order to clear garbage and remove standing wastewater.

All the way through the nine-year Syrian conflict, Palestinians taking refuge in AlHusainiya camp have been grappling with dire conditions. High unemployment rates and the absence of relief assistance by UNRWA and other humanitarian institutions have made survival quite difficult in the area.

Meanwhile, the Syrian security forces released the Palestinian refugee Mahmoud Hamid Awad, aged 55, after they kept him in custody for nearly one week.

Mahmoud, sheltered in AlMuzeireeb town, south of Syria, was arrested by Syrian security forces deployed at a checkpoint in Daraa on February 17. The motives behind the arrest have not been revealed.

At least 14 Palestinian refugees from Syria's AlMuzeireeb community have been held in Syrian government detention centers, among a total of 1,787 Palestinian refugees secretly locked up in Syria's state-run penal complexes.

In the meantime, Palestinian refugee from Syria Tareq Bahij established an institute to teach painting to refugees in Germany.



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A former resident of Yarmouk for Palestinian refugees, in Damascus, Tareq said he started teaching painting as soon as he landed in Germany, some four years ago.

He said his project aims at enhancing the refugees' self-confidence and painting skills as a means to enable them to artistically express their pains and translate their experiences into art.

Dozens of displaced Palestinian refugees have achieved success stories in Europe, challenging the traumatic upshots wrought by daily scenes of bloodshed and destruction across the embattled Syrian territories.

