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"Palestinians from Syria in Lebanon Displacement Camps Launch Distress Signals"

- Palestinians from Syria in Lebanon Escalate Protest Moves over UNRWA Aid Cut
- Rubble Mounds Block Displaced Families' Access to Yarmouk Camp
- Greek Government Accused of Causing Hunger Crisis in Refugee Camps

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Latest Developments

Palestinian refugees in Lebanon have launched calls for urgent humanitarian assistance by UN bodies and international relief organizations.

Palestinian families taking refuge in AlBekaa have been struggling for survival in the face of the sub-zero temperatures rocking the mountainous region and the rain downpours swamping their poorly-equipped tents.

Families have been left with no option other than burning plastic bottles to keep their children warm, despite the damage wrought on their vulnerable bodies. A fuel tank is sold at up to 15 USD.

Price leap and steep rental fees, along with the absence of relief aid, have made life unbearable for the Palestinian refugees in AlBekaa, among other displacement camps.

Nearly 27,000 Palestinians from Syria have sought refuge in Lebanon, where they have been enduring exacerbated living conditions and subjected to a precarious legal status.

Along similar lines, Palestinian refugees from Syria (PRS) in Lebanon who have been protesting UNRWA's latest decision to cut cash aid for PRS said they will keep up their protest moves until they retrieve their rights.



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In a statement, the protesters hailed all activists and CSOs that have supported the sit-in “Tent 194” set up in response to UNRWA’s decision.

The protesters said the tent is open to all Palestinian refugees regardless of their political affiliations, vowing to stand on guard to all attempts to manipulate or politicize their cause.

In another development, house owners and shopkeepers in the neighborhoods of Uruba, ALTakadum, and March 8, in Yarmouk Camp, have called on the concerned authorities to clear the rubble piles that continue to block civilians’ return to their houses and property.

Rehabilitation of vital facilities in the camp reportedly hinge on the number of returnees.

“I wish I can regain access to my house in the camp”, a resident who suffers from cardiovascular disorders told AGPS. “However, the mounds of rubble stand as a stumbling block in my way.”

In the meantime, Greek authorities have been accused of prompting a hunger crisis in refugee camps, leaving people with no access to food.

Martha Roussou of the International Rescue Committee (IRC), in a report by The Guardian said, "It is unthinkable that people are going hungry in Greece. Through no fault of their own they have fallen through the cracks and all because of a problem created by gaps in legislation and policy.”



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As per IRC estimates, 40 per cent of camp residents have been denied things of basic need. This is because of the administration's decision to halt food provisions.

There are 16,559 people living in camps across Greece, comprising people who are waiting for their asylum claims to be heard and those who have had their claims accepted or denied. It has emerged that new catering contracts for the provision of food in these camps provide enough food to feed just 10,213 people, covering only those still in the asylum procedure and not those who had their asylum claims accepted or rejected. This comes despite calls from the European Commission that the Greek government ensures all persons, particularly the vulnerable, receive food irrespective of their status.

Worryingly high numbers of children, who make up 40 per cent of the population residing in camps, are among those going hungry. Teachers in local primary schools have reported children turning up to school without having eaten, without even a snack to see them through the day.