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Latest Developments

The opposition-run Directorate of Civil Affairs in Syria announced the inception of the Documentation Center of Palestinian Refugees North of Syria. The new center will keep record of and provide personal data on the Palestinian refugees sheltered in northern Syria. The group will cooperate with the concerned authorities to that end.



The Civil Affairs Administration said in a statement that it will not withhold identity documents and personal data of the Palestinians of Syria, which it said will be archived in order to be used in necessary official transactions and procedures. The administration also called on the displaced Palestinian refugees north of Syria to apply for updated identity documents to avoid inauthentic papers.

The center has reportedly seen 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.



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In another development, Palestinian refugees who fled war-torn Syria have been subjected to a fragile legal and humanitarian status in Egypt, where they are treated as foreigners rather than asylum-seekers fleeing war-stricken zones.

Palestinians from Syria in Egypt have been denied the right to legal visas, refugee documents, safe accommodation, basic services, and relief assistance.

Those who illegally entered Egypt via the Sudanese borders have been denied the right to free movement, education, and labor, among other basic necessities. Unlike Syrian nationals, who are granted safe asylum in Egypt and systematically assisted by the UNHCR, Palestinian refugees are left on their own.

AGPS continues to stress the need to secure the rights of the Palestinians from Syria in Egypt, who fall outside of UNRWA's fields of operations, to legal and physical protection as per the Refugee Convention of 1951 and to hand them over cash and in-kind aids along with refugee cards in order to enhance their legal status in the Egyptian territories.

Meanwhile, the European Union Representative, Ralph Tarraf, and Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), Pierre Krähenbühl, signed, at UNRWA headquarters in occupied Jerusalem, the EU-UNRWA contribution agreement in support of the Agency's 2019 Program Budget.



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Under this agreement, the EU provides a vital contribution of EUR 82 million in support of the human development work of UNRWA for this year. In light of the Agency's ongoing financial challenges, the EU has agreed to provide the totality of its funding immediately upon the signature of the agreement.



The new contribution will help preserve access to education for 532,000 children, provide primary health care for more than 3.5 million patients and assistance to over 250,000 acutely vulnerable Palestine refugees, as well as a multitude of other services, at a time of extreme instability across the Middle East region.

For over four decades, the European Union has established itself as a key strategic partner for the Agency, supporting UNRWA in its efforts to help Palestine refugees achieve their full potential in human development despite their difficult circumstances. In 2018, as the Agency faced its most significant financial shortfall since its inception, the EU emerged as the Agency's largest donor.

UNRWA is confronted with an increased demand for services resulting from a growth in the number of registered Palestine



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refugees, the extent of their vulnerability and their deepening poverty. UNRWA is funded almost entirely by voluntary contributions and financial support has been outpaced by the growth in needs. As a result, the UNRWA program budget, which supports the delivery of core essential services, operates with a large shortfall.

UNRWA is a United Nations agency established by the General Assembly in 1949 and mandated to provide assistance and protection to some 5.4 million Palestine refugees registered with UNRWA across its five fields of operation. Its services encompass education, health care, relief and social services, camp infrastructure and improvement, protection and microfinance.

In the meantime, Palestinian refugee from Syria Hamza AlKurdi, aged 24, earned the gold medal in Austria's 2019 Kickboxing Championship.



Hamza and other students exited Yarmouk Camp in May 2013 on way to Alliance and Sai'd AlAas colleges to sit for exams. He made it



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in the first examination session and got enrolled at Damascus College of Commerce and Economics, before he headed for Austria in 2015.

Meanwhile, Palestinian refugee Muhammad Amayri has been enduring a mysterious fate in Syrian state prisons for the seventh year running.

Muhammad, a resident of Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian refugees, south of Damascus, was kidnapped by the Syrian government forces on June 2, 2012.

An ex-detainee said he had last seen him on December 11, 2013 at the Air Force division in Damascus and that he was in good health.