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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



### "19 UNRWA Staff Members Killed, Dozens Forcibly Disappeared in War-Torn Syria"

- Int'l Delegation Shows Up in Southern Damascus
- PLA to Work Out Situation of Palestinian Draft Evaders in AlNeirab Refugee Camp
- Vigils Held in Syria's Palestine Refugee Camps over US Shift on Israeli Settlements

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## Latest Developments

To date, 19 UNRWA staff members have perished as a result of the Syrian conflict and several others are missing and/or detained, said UNRWA's Acting Commissioner-General Christian Saunders in an annual report read out before the UN General Assembly's Fourth Committee earlier this month.

In earlier reports, UNRWA said staff members were killed as a result of shelling, sniper attacks, bullet fire, abduction, or blasts across the war-ravaged Syrian territories.

UNRWA has 4,000 staff working in Syria. The Agency relies on its staff to run its core education, health and relief services in addition to providing humanitarian support to 450,000 Palestine refugees in the war-torn country.



UNRWA premises have sustained heavy damage in Syria, following violent onslaughts launched by the government forces and their war abettors on Palestinian refugee camps and communities of Yarmouk, Daraa, Khan Eshieh, Handarat, and AlMuzeireeb.

UNRWA is a United Nations agency established by the General Assembly in 1949 and mandated to provide assistance and



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protection to some 5.4 million Palestine refugees registered with UNRWA across its five fields of operation. Its mission is to help Palestine refugees in Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, West Bank, including East Jerusalem and the Gaza Strip achieve their full human development potential, pending a just and lasting solution to their plight.

In another development, a delegation of the International Red Cross and the Syrian Red Crescent paid a visit to AlHajar AlAswad neighborhood, near Yarmouk Camp, where thousands of Palestinian refugees used to take shelter.

The visit reportedly aims at setting the framework for aid distribution and infrastructure rehabilitation so as to pave the way for civilians' safe return to their homes.



Families wishing to return to the area are required to obtain permissions from Syrian security forces and submit property-ownership certificates.

Meanwhile, a member of the Palestine Liberation Army (PLA), affiliated with the Syrian government, was tasked with working on the files of Palestinian young men in Aleppo and in



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AlNeirab and Handarat refugee camps who evaded military conscription.

Shortly after the outburst of the deadly warfare, the Syrian government forced Palestinian refugees aged 18 and above to join affiliated militias for varying periods.

Those who evade military draft are subjected to crackdowns, abductions and even executions. As a result, thousands fled the tension-stricken country in the hunt for a safer shelter.

PLA kept record of the death of 276 PLA gunmen since the outbreak of Syria's warfare.

In the meantime, dozens of Palestinian refugees sheltered in camps across Syria have joined rallies staged in protest at the announcement made by the US President Donald Trump's administration that it no longer considers Israeli settlements in the occupied Palestinian territories as inconsistent with international law.

The refugees also held the Israeli occupation authorities accountable for the death of Palestinian prisoner Sami Abu Diyak, who lost his battle with cancer in Israeli jails.

Palestinians taking refuge in camps set up in Latakia, Hums, AlRamadan, Khan Dannun, and Khan Eshieh waved Palestinian flags and yelled slogans condemning Israeli crimes against the Palestinian people and the US one-sided position.