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الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية  
Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



### "Palestinian Refugees from Syria Launch Cry for Help from Greek Island"

- **Palestinian Refugee Khaled AlAbtah Detained in Turkey**
- **UAE Contributes \$50 million for Palestine Refugees**
- **Summer Camp Held for Palestine Refugees South of Turkey**

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## Latest Developments

Some 160 Palestinian refugees from Syria who have sought refuge north of the Greek island of Rhodes have been subjected to a dire humanitarian situation in the area.

The area where the camp is pitched served as a slaughterhouse for pigs, where slaughter hangers still figure.

The refugees denounced the absence of vital services, including healthcare, along with power and water.

They further spoke out against the spread of poisonous reptiles and rodents due to the poor hygiene in the camp.



The Greek authorities continue to drag their feet over the refugees' calls to have their legal status worked out and to provide them with safe shelters.

Palestinian refugees from Syria continue to risk their lives onboard the "death boats" to Greece, rummaging around for a momentary respite from the daily scenes of bloodshed and destruction.

AGPS has kept record of the death of dozens of refugees onboard Greece-bound ships. Several others have been arrested by Turkish coast guards.



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Activists estimate that around 4,000 Palestinian refugees from Syria are seeking refuge in Greece.

Meanwhile, Palestinian refugee Khaled Ahmed AlAbtah has been detained in Turkey for the 7th day running.

Khaled was arrested in a sweep launched by Turkish police targeting irregular migrants and non-holders of the kimlik visa card in Istanbul.



His family has appealed to all concerned authorities and the Palestinian Authority to take urgent measures so as to release Khaled.

Nearly 10,000 Palestinians from Syria have sought shelter in Turkey, including 500 families in Istanbul, where they have been facing an abject situation.

In another development, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) announced a US\$ 50 million contribution to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), to support the vital and life-saving services provided by the Agency to over five million Palestine refugees in Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Gaza and the West Bank.



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UNRWA Commissioner-General Pierre Krähenbühl commended the outstanding show of support from the UAE and said: “At a time of intense pressure on our Agency, the immense generosity of the United Arab Emirates sends a clear message that Palestine refugees are not alone. In addition to a crucial financial contribution, it is also a show of solidarity by the UAE for which I am deeply grateful.”

This financial support will go a long way in helping UNRWA maintain its programs for 2019 as planned, namely in the areas of primary healthcare, education and social services, all vital for the life and dignity of Palestine refugees, and an anchor for their feeling of stability.



In 2018, the UAE’s contribution of US\$ 50 million to the Agency made the UAE the sixth largest donor for that year.

UNRWA is mandated to provide life-saving services to some 5.4 million Palestinian refugees registered with the Agency across its five fields of operation in Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, the West Bank, including East Jerusalem and the Gaza Strip. Its services include education, health care, relief and social services, camp infrastructure and improvement, protection and microfinance.



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

In the meantime, Khayra Ummah charity has embarked on the second phase of AlQuds Summer Camp II in Kilis and Gaziantep, south of Turkey. A similar move carried out in Osmaniye attracted 750 Palestinian and Syrian children.

The event is co-sponsored by the Islamic Relief Associations for Orphans and Poor People from occupied Palestine.