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Latest Developments

A Palestinian mother displaced with her children from Yarmouk Camp has been enduring an abject humanitarian situation in Deir Ballout refugee camp, in the northern Syrian region of Efrin.

The mother said she has been taking cover with her sick husband and traumatized children in an unequipped tent.

Speaking with AGPS, Ruba Amayri said she has not find any sources of livelihood in the area, adding that she failed to secure cash for treatment over painful chest disorders. Her husband also suffers from a Hepatitis C virus (HCV) and severe backaches after he was hit in an accident. The husband received treatment at a hospital in Antakya before he returned to Syria to live with his family.



Ruba's four kids, two among whom are enrolled at Deir Ballout's poorly-equipped school, have been going through difficult moments due to the traumatic fallouts of poverty and insecurity in the area.

The mother said she does not have cash needed to buy bread loafs for her children every day, adding that neither power nor sufficient drinking water are available in the camp.



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Hundreds of displaced Palestinian families have been scattered across northern Syria, where they have been taking refuge in poorly-equipped camps, after they got displaced from their homes and shelters in the warfare.

Dozens of families displaced from Yarmouk Camp and southern Damascus have been struggling for survival in impoverished refugee camps set up north of Syria, amid a striking apathy by the Palestinian Authority, Palestinian factions, and UNRWA, among other concerned bodies.

Along the same line, Palestine Ambassador to Turkey Faed Mustafa and Director-General of the Immigration Department of Turkey Abdullah Ayaz discussed the legal status of Palestinian refugees in Turkey.

Palestine's Ambassador briefed the Turkish official about the squalid conditions endured by Palestinian refugees in Turkey and called for practical measures to work out their ambivalent legal status in coordination with the concerned authorities.



The ambassador also tackled follow-ups of criminal cases and illegal activities along with the file of missing refugees.



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The Turkish official voiced his department's commitment to make serious steps in this regard.

Recently, Turkish police stepped up crackdowns targeting irregular migrants, including hundreds of Palestinians from Syria who fled to the country owing to the bloody shootouts rocking the Syrian territories.

In another development, Palestinian refugee Mohamed Salem Ali AlMarkaten, aged 60, has been incarcerated in Syrian government prisons for the sixth year running.

Mohamed was kidnapped by the government forces on his way out of Yarmouk Camp and was dragged to an unknown location. His condition and whereabouts have been shrouded in mystery.

AGPS kept record of the incarceration of 1,768 Palestinians in Syrian government jails, among them 108 women and girls.

Meanwhile, head of the Refugee Affairs Department at the Palestine Liberation Organization, Ahmad Abu Holi, said the donor-pledging conference held in New York to rally support for UNRWA bodes well for the UN Agency and Palestine refugees.

In a press release issued a couple of days earlier, Abu Holi said UNRWA received recent contributions of US\$50 million from Saudi Arabia, €20 million from the European Union, €20 million from France, along with other donations from the UAE, Turkey, and Greece, which will help the agency overcome its budget deficit estimated at US\$120 million and continue to provide services for Palestinian refugees in its five fields of operations.



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Last year, UNRWA said it was facing the greatest financial predicament in its history following the abrupt end to funding by the United States, resulting in a shortfall that threatened general education for 525,000 students, essential primary health care for 3 million patients and food assistance for 1.7 million refugees. In response, UNRWA launched a global campaign, #DignityIsPriceless, to raise donations for the agency.

