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"Palestinians of Syria: Trump's Peace Plan Unwelcome, Our Right of Return Not for Sale"

- UNRWA Says It Will Keep Up Its UN-Mandated Services for Palestine Refugees
- Scores of Palestinians to Go Homeless as Greek Ministry Issues Evacuation Notices
- Food Items Handed Over to Displaced Palestinian Families North of Syria

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Latest Developments

Protests have been held by Palestinian refugees taking shelter across the Syrian territories in response to the US President Donald Trump's peace plan, announced on Tuesday.

Hundreds of refugees took to the streets in the refugee camps of AlNeirab in Aleppo, AlAyedeen in Hums, AlRaml in Latakia, along with AlHusainiya, Khan Dannun, and ALSayedat Zeinab camps, in Rif Dimashq. Families displaced from Yarmouk Camp also joined the protests.

The refugees voiced their firm commitment to their right of return to their homeland, which they said is an inalienable, legitimate, and internationally-recognized right.



Palestinian masses nationwide and overseas have been deeply angered by the US President Donald Trump's newly-revealed peace plan, dubbed "the deal of the century", which they said aims at dealing a heavy blow to the refugees' internationally-recognized right of return to their homeland—Palestine.



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According to UN General Assembly Resolution 194 adopted in 1948, Palestinian refugees are entitled to return to their homeland. However, Israel insists the refugees stay where they are as their return may greatly change regional demographics and create security concerns.

Under the US plan, "there shall be no right of return by, or absorption of, any Palestinian refugee into the State of Israel." Rather, the refugees would be absorbed into the State of Palestine or integrated into their current host countries.

The plan also seeks to dismantle Palestinian refugee camps across the Israeli-occupied territories and replacing them with new residential communities, a move that represents another threat to Palestinians' refugee status and, thus, their right of return to their homeland.

The Palestinian Foreign Ministry said in a statement that the "deal of the century" reinforces Israel's position and its apartheid policies against the Palestinians.

Along similar lines, UNRWA spokesman Sami Mshasha said the agency has no intention to end its operations or transfer its services to another party.

In a press statement issued in response to the US President Donald Trump's announcement of his peace plan, Mshasha said UNRWA services are vital for Palestine refugees, adding that the agency will maintain its relief assistance to them pending a just and lasting solution to their plight.



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He said the Agency's services will keep going in East Jerusalem, the West Bank, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, and Gaza, until a fair solution is established to the Palestinian refugee cause.

Mshasha said UNRWA's mandate, which 169 member states of the UN General Assembly voted in favor of last month, is legitimate and cannot be rescinded by such new deals.

“Our only reference is the UNGA. Palestinians' refugee status and rights are safeguarded by international law and international resolutions”, he said.

Trump released his proposed deal during an event at the White House alongside Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in Washington on Tuesday.

The so-called 'Vision for Peace' — which all Palestinian groups have unanimously rejected — would, among other contentious terms, enshrine Jerusalem as “Israel's undivided capital” and allow the occupying regime to annex settlements in the occupied West Bank and the Jordan Valley.

In another development, the Greek Ministry of Citizen Protection issued a decision to evacuate all buildings housing migrant residents who have received visas or subsidiary protection cards in Greece since 2017.

The Ministry said the eviction should be carried out no later than April 2020.

The decision will result in dozens of families, including Palestinian refugee families, being homeless.



Activists said the move dovetails the country's attempt to rein in the influx of migrants and overcrowdings on its islands.



Human rights groups also said the new decision comes in line with the EU commitment to fund the UNHCR's relief and housing program for asylum-seekers who have not yet received replies over their applications for asylum.

The activists further warned of the fallouts of the decision, which they said will result in increasing numbers of homeless refugees who will be left with neither food nor shelter and be denied their basic human rights.

Palestinian refugees who have fled war-stricken zones to Greece have been denied their rights to visas and prevented from accessing vital facilities.

Meanwhile, Khayra Ummah organization distributed 100 food baskets to displaced Palestinian and Syrian families taking refuge in Deir Ballout and Muhammadiya refugee camps, in Efrin region, north of Syria.



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Palestinian refugees sheltered in Idlib, AlMuhammadiya Camp, and Deir Ballout Camp, in northern Syria have been enduring a tragic situation. Most of them have been crammed in poorly-equipped tents and denied their rights to vital services.

