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Latest Developments

The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) has expressed its deep concern over the physical and psychological impact of an explosion rocking a Palestinian refugee camp in Syria.

In an official statement issued on September 1st, UNRWA said that on the afternoon of 31 August 2021, seven Palestine refugee boys between the ages of 10 and 14 were playing in the heavily damaged Ein el Tal Camp in Aleppo, when a nearby explosive remnant of war (ERW) exploded.

Six boys were hit by shrapnel, injuring three of them lightly and three seriously. All of them are suffering from psychological trauma as a result of the tragic incident.

UNRWA Health and Relief and Social Services Staff, operating in Ein el Tal Camp at the time, were able to offer immediate first aid before the children were transferred to a hospital in Aleppo city for treatment. Four of them were discharged the same day, while the other three are still hospitalized. One 12-year-old remains in critical condition.

UNRWA said it is “saddened and shocked by this tragic and violent incident involving Palestine refugee children and affecting families living in Ein el Tal camp, as well as those who might wish to return”.



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UNRWA, with a renewed sense of urgency, highlighted the danger of ERW on civilians and the urgent need of marking and clearance, removal or destruction of such ERW in areas where people are returning.

In another development, Palestinian refugees in Syria continue to appeal for cash aid at the same time as social media sources claimed UNRWA cash grants will be shelled out soon.

Activists said the reports are counterfeit. No official statement has been released by UNRWA in response.

Poverty rates have reached a zenith in Palestinian refugee camps in Syria due to the sharp decrease in the exchange rate of the Syrian pound compared to the USD and the refugees' lack of access to the local labor market.

In its "Syria Regional Crisis Emergency Appeal 2021", UNRWA said that protracted displacement, deteriorating socio-economic conditions aggravated by the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic, dire humanitarian needs and protection concerns continue to affect the lives of Palestine refugees in Syria.

The protracted conflict has devastated human security and left 91 per cent of the 438,000 Palestine refugees estimated to remain in the country in absolute poverty and 40 per cent displaced.

As the coronavirus pandemic has rebounded around the MENA region and the globe, Palestinian refugees in war-torn Syria continue to struggle with growing poverty and economic hardship.



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Many PRS lost their sources of income; refugee camps have seen unprecedented levels of destruction; rental prices have dramatically gone up; undernourishment and poverty have been a daily nightmare.

Due to the serious protection gaps, children have been forced to drop out of school and join armed groups to help feed their starving families.

Hundreds of families have had women as their sole breadwinners; and in several other cases boys and girls are spotted begging in the street for a few pounds.

Meanwhile, migration management authorities in Turkey announced a set of new measures following the latest riots in Ankara.

This came in a meeting between Turkish officials and security bodies. All applications for the temporary protection card, known as kimlik, have been suspended. Authorities started transferring migrants outside of Ankara. Migrants without residence documents will also be transferred to deportation centres pending their refoulement.

In mid-August, a street fight erupted between two groups of youths in Altindag, a district of the Turkish capital, Ankara. In the violent confrontation between some Syrian migrants and a group of Turkish locals, two Turks were stabbed. A few hours later, one of them, 18-year-old Emirhan Yalcin, died in hospital.



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The event sparked a wave of xenophobia. The following day, hundreds of people poured onto the streets of Altindag. There, they vandalized and ransacked stores, homes and cars belonging to Syrian immigrants.

Numerous videos were posted on social media networks showing the angry mob vandalizing Syrian property and shouting xenophobic slogans.

In another development, the Orphans Charity has launched a psychological support project in Yalda town, south of Syria.

Leisure activities and awareness-raising events were held as part of the move. School bags and cash grants were delivered to the orphans.

AGPS has kept record of the death of over 250 Palestinian refugee children in war-torn Syria.

Thousands of children have gone orphaned after they lost one or both of their parents in the deadly warfare.

The warfare in Syria has had traumatic fallouts on Palestinian refugee children in and outside of Syria. Post-traumatic stress disorders, mental psychosis, sleeplessness and nightmares, eating disorders, and intense fear have all been reported among Palestinian children from Syria.

In the meantime, Palestinian refugee Khalil Ibrahim Shakosh, born in 1987, has been enduring a mysterious fate in Syrian state prisons for the seventh year running.



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Khalil was kidnapped from his home in Jdeidat Artouz in Rif Dimashq on December 01, 2014 and dragged to an unidentified destination.

Nearly 1,800 Palestinian refugees have been secretly locked up in Syrian state prisons, according to AGPS statistics.