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"UNRWA Says Resettlement of Palestine Refugees Falls outside of Its Mandate"

- Palestinian Child Injured by Bullet Fire in Syria
- 35 Palestinian Members of Fatah AlIntifada Group Killed in Syria's Warfare
- Palestinian Refugee Nidhal Mohamed Enduring Mysterious Fate in Syrian State Jail

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Latest Developments

Director General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) in Lebanon, Claudio Cordone, said resettling Palestinian refugees in a third country does not make part of the Agency's mission.

Cordone said in a statement that the Palestinians are free to choose which destination they would like to settle or seek asylum in, regardless of whether they are registered with UNRWA or not.

He pointed out that the final decisions regarding the legal status of Palestinian refugees residing in Lebanon rest with the Lebanese authorities, representatives of the Palestinian community, and the popular and security committees inside refugee camps.



Cordone added that under the Lebanese law, Palestinian refugees coming from Syria to Lebanon are considered foreigners, and therefore they are subject to the Lebanese Labor Law related to foreigners, and they cannot benefit from the privileges granted to Palestinian refugees in Lebanon.



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On September 27, 2019, UNRWA had issued a similar statement in response to a sit-in held by members of the Youth Commission of the Palestinians of Syria outside of the UNRWA office in Beirut on September 25.

Recently, scores of Palestinian refugees from Syria have increasingly called on UNRWA to broker their humanitarian asylum in a third country, activate physical and legal protection mechanisms, and transfer the file of Palestinians from Syria to the UNHCR.

In another development, five-year-old Palestinian child Mustafa Rami, raised in Syria's Jaramana refugee camp, in Rif Dimashq, was injured by bullet fire on the New Year's eve.

The Emergency Department at Syria's Health Ministry said on Wednesday that one person died and 18 others sustained wounds in a random gunshooting incident.

AGPS has kept record of the death of 250 Palestinian refugee children in war-torn Syria until June 2019.

Children make up over 6% of the overall death toll among the Palestinians of Syria, estimated at 4,013.

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.



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AGPS renews its calls to the international community, human rights institutions, UNICEF, UNRWA, and all concerned bodies to work on protecting Palestinian children in embattled zones.

Along similar lines, AGPS documented the death of 35 Palestine refugees affiliated with Fatah AlIntifada group, as they fought alongside the Syrian government forces across the war-torn country.

The list includes gunmen who died in fierce shootouts with ISIS and AlNusra Front in Yarmouk Camp. Others were pronounced dead in Harasta and AlKabon, in Rif Dimashq, and in Deir AlZor, east of Syria.



Activists have held ISIS militias accountable for the abduction of dozens of wanted Palestinian refugees and turning them in to Syrian government forces over security allegations.

Meanwhile, Palestinian refugee Nidhal Ismail Mohammed, who used to take shelter in Jilin, south of Syria, has been locked up in Syrian state jails for the seventh consecutive year. His family and friends continue to appeal for information over his condition and whereabouts.



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AGPS kept record of the secret incarceration of 1,780 Palestinian refugees in Syria's state-run penal complexes, among them 108 women.

