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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



### "Situation of Displaced Palestinian Families in Deir Ballout Camp Exacerbated by Water Dearth"

- Palestinian Refugee Killed in Northern Syria Shootouts
- Palestinian Student Honored in Istanbul
- Sweden Contributes US\$ 49.4 Million to Palestine Refugees

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## Victims

Palestinian refugee Mohamed Abu Sakhr, a resident of Yarmouk Camp, in Damascus, was killed as he fought alongside the opposition squads in the northern Syrian city of Saraqebe.

AGPS documented the death of 4,032 Palestinian refugees since the outbreak of the deadly conflict in Syria.



## Latest Developments

Hundreds of displaced Palestinian families north of Syria continue to launch cries for help over their tragic living conditions in the poorly-equipped Deir Ballout Camp, saying an acute water crisis has made the situation far worse.

The refugees lashed out at the concerned authorities over their apathy regarding the acute dearth in drinking water, saying local tanks are being filled in just once week, forcing civilians to line up in long queues for hours to get a few liters.

The families have also been forced to purchase water from mobile tanks at 100 Syrian Pounds per 10 liters. Every family needs an average of 30 liters a day.



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Some 325 displaced Palestinian families taking refuge in the camp urged UNRWA, PLO, the Turkish authorities, and the concerned NGOs to live up to their responsibilities as regards their calamitous situation and to provide them with much-needed cash aid, medical items, and relief services.



Meanwhile, Al Nahda International School in Istanbul honored the Palestinian girl from Syria Joudi Ahmad AlKurdi, displaced from Yarmouk Camp, in Damascus, for the outstanding results she has achieved as part of preparatory school exams (3rd grade) in Istanbul.







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Unofficial statistics indicate that 8,000 Palestinians from Syria have sought shelter in Turkey, where they have been facing dire socio-economic conditions and denied access to the local labor market.

Turkish embassies continue to prevent Palestinian refugees from Syria from obtaining visas. As a result, hundreds of Palestinians have embarked on life-threatening journeys via illegal immigration roads to reach Turkey, fleeing war and economic hardship.

In another development, Sweden has contributed US\$ 49.4 million to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) as part of two multi-year agreements with the Agency for 2020.

According to a statement by UNRWA, US\$ 45.3 million (SEK 423 million) will support the Agency's core human development services of health, relief, and protection, as well as education for half a million children in Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Gaza and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem.

An additional US\$ 4.1 million will support UNRWA emergency operations in Syria (US\$ 1.5 million) and the occupied Palestinian territory (US\$ 2.6 million).

Sweden's oPt appeal contribution will help UNRWA address the humanitarian needs of Palestine refugees in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, through interventions such as emergency food assistance, emergency health, and cash-for-work, as well as the promotion and protection of the rights of refugees.

In Syria – and for Palestine refugees from Syria in Lebanon and Jordan - Sweden's financial support will be used to provide, in



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particular, cash assistance and emergency education to refugees in dire need of aid.

“In the increasingly challenging environment that Palestine refugees across the region live in, it is paramount that UNRWA continues to deliver critical human development and humanitarian aid to those who need it the most”, said Marc Lassouaoui, Chief of UNRWA Donor Relations Division.

“We are deeply grateful to Sweden for its steadfast support throughout the decades and the predictability of its funding thanks to multi-year agreements for both core and emergency operations. I am particularly thankful to Sweden for disbursing this generous funding at the beginning of 2020, at a time when funds are usually lacking. In view of the Agency’s financial situation, this large contribution made early in the year sends an important message to the international community,” added Lassouaoui.

Sweden is the fourth-largest donor to UNRWA. Beyond this, Sweden has always been a strong political advocate for UNRWA, as exemplified by its co-chairing of ministerial-level meetings on UNRWA.

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.