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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"Palestinian Refugees Urge Mahmoud Abbas to Broker their Safe Return to Palestine"

- Palestine Ambassador in Egypt Meets with UNRWA Official over Situation of Palestinians from Syria
- India Contributes US\$ 5 Million to UNRWA in Support of Palestine Refugees
- 120 Palestinian Students from Syria Honored in Istanbul
- Palestinian Refugee Snatches 1st Place at Bodybuilding Championship

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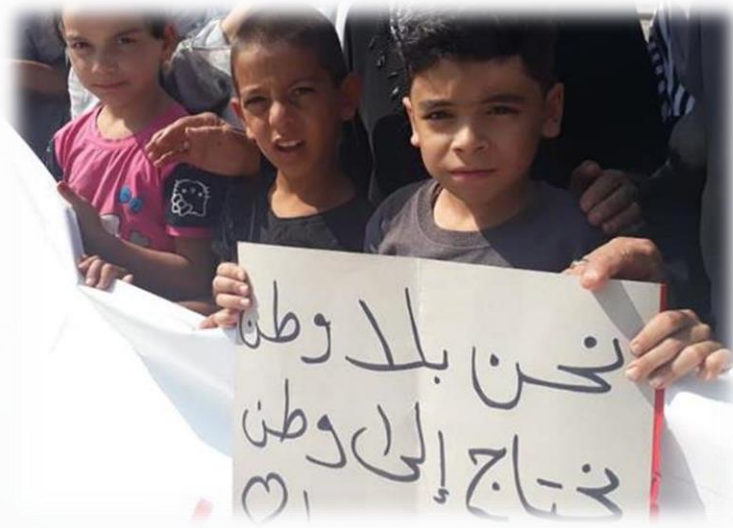


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Latest Developments

Palestinian families and activists from Syria in Lebanon have called on the Palestinian Authority (PA) President Mahmoud Abbas to work on securing their safe return to their homeland Palestine at a time when European countries have been denying them humanitarian asylum.

In a Wednesday statement issued in response to statements attributed to Fatah Movement regarding migration flows among Palestinian refugees, the activists said they will stand on guard against conspiracies aiming at boosting the mass exodus of Palestinians toward other destinations.



The activists said they will keep up protest moves until Abbas recognizes the right of return for all Palestinians who have been torn away from their motherland since 1948.

The activists urged the PA President to issue a statement in no more than a week's time to respond to their appeals.



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A few days earlier, dozens of Palestinian refugees from Syria rallied outside of the Canadian embassy in Beirut to push for their safe access to Canada from Lebanon, where they have been denied their basic rights.

Nearly 28,000 Palestinian refugees from Syria seeking shelter in Lebanon have been subjected to dire socio-economic conditions and a precarious legal status as the Lebanese authorities continue to rebuff their appeals for legal visas and access to the local labor market.

Palestinian refugees from Syria are reported to lack legal status in Lebanon. The absence of a specific legislation addressing the unique situation of the Palestinians of Syria has made them vulnerable to marginalization within the Lebanese polity, both as individuals and as a community.

Palestinian refugees from Syria in Lebanon are also treated as foreigners rather than as asylum-seekers and are, thus, denied the right to renewed stays and subjected to forced deportation.

In another development, Palestine Ambassador in Cairo Diab AlLouh discussed with the director of UNRWA's office in Cairo Sahar AlJabouri the calamitous condition of Palestinian refugees who fled war-torn Syria to Egypt.

The UN representatives hailed the efforts made by the Palestine Embassy in Cairo in cooperation with UNRWA office in order to tone down the tragic situation of Palestinian refugees in Egypt.



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95% of Palestinian children from Syria have been prevented from accessing education facilities in Egypt, where they are treated as foreigners rather than legitimate asylum seekers.



The Egyptian authorities continue to categorize the Palestinians of Syria as “tourists” and, thus, deny them the right to a unequivocal legal status. Refugees have been shorn of the right to legal stays in the country.

Meanwhile, the Government of India has contributed US\$ 5 million to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) in support of the Agency’s core programs and services, including education, health care, and relief and social services.

The contribution was presented to UNRWA by the Representative of India to the State of Palestine, Sunil Kumar.

India has increased its annual financial contribution to UNRWA from US \$1.25 million in 2016 to US\$ 5 million in 2018 and 2019.

India’s increased contribution to the Agency in 2018 contributed significantly to helping UNRWA address an existential funding crisis.



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Representative of India Sunil Kumar expressed appreciation for the commendable work and endeavors carried out by UNRWA in the region. He underscored India's steadfast support for the Agency's activities across its five fields of operation and the provision of assistance to some 5.5 million Palestine refugees, helping them achieve their full human development potential. India has made a strong appeal to other traditional donors of UNRWA to consider enhancing their contributions, as well as to non-donor member states, to consider contributing to the Agency in solidarity with the Palestine refugees.



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.

In the meantime, a celebration was held by Khayra Ummah organization to pay tribute to 120 orphan Palestinian students from Syria and 30 Syrian orphans seeking shelter in Istanbul.

The celebration was held in recognition of the exhaustive efforts made by refugees from Syria and the outstanding results they have achieved despite of the hurdles inflicted by the war in Syria.



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Cash donations and in-kind gifts were distributed to the participants at the event.

Nearly 2,400 Palestinian families from Syria have sought shelter in Turkey, including 1,200 families in Istanbul, where they have been facing an abject situation.

Recently, Turkish police stepped down crackdowns and abduction sweeps, targeting irregular migrants and non-holders of the kimlik visa card in Istanbul.

Along the same line, Palestinian refugee Shadi Farid Darwish, a resident of AlAyedeen Camp, in Hums, won the first seat in the bodybuilding contest (70 kilograms) held in Damascus.

Dozens of success stories have been achieved by Palestinian sportsmen/women, students, and artists from Syria nationwide and overseas.