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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"Number of Migrants from Palestinian Refugee Camps in Syria Goes Up"

- Palestinian Refugee Missing from Syria Displacement Camp
- Delta Variant Gets Unabated in Northern Syria Displacement Camps
- Heating Items Distributed to Palestinians from Syria in Lebanon

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Latest Developments

The number of Palestinian youths migrating from displacement camps and government-held zones across war-torn Syria has soared.

Recently, scores of refugee families have made their way from their camps and shelters to Turkey, Iraq, Egypt, and Belarus.

Dozens of Palestinian refugee families fled Syria to Lebanon while scores of others crossed to Turkey from Idlib in a trip costing up to 1,500 per a single person.

Many of those who headed to Erbil fled to Turkey through the Iraqi or Iranian borderlands. Several youths have fled conscription in the war-torn country.

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.

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.

As the coronavirus pandemic has rebounded around the MENA region and the globe, many PRS lost their sources of income;



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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.

Along similar lines, Palestinian refugee Ayman Ahmad Ahmad disappeared on Thursday after he left his house in Khan Eshieh Camp, in Rif Dimashq, to receive UNRWA aid.

Ayman works in the Equestrian Club in Sahnaya and is the father of four children.

333 Palestinian refugees from Syria, including 37 women and girls, have gone missing since the outbreak of the Syrian warfare, mostly from Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian refugees, south of Damascus.

Meanwhile, concerns have mounted in displacement camps set up in northern Syria as cases of Delta variant have been increasingly reported in the area.

Medics have sounded alarm bells over the mismanagement of the health crisis by the concerned authorities and humanitarian institutions, calling for increasing vaccine doses allotted to the region. So far, no more than 7% have received their first dose of coronavirus vaccine.

Over recent months, AGPS has warned of an unabated outbreak of COVID-19 in Palestinian refugee camps in Syria, where limited



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access to running water, pharmacies and medical facilities means displacement camps are more susceptible to the spread of the highly infectious virus.

Displacement camps set up in northern Syria are especially vulnerable as most hospitals and medical facilities have been bombed, rendering them out of order.

AGPS stresses the need to supply Palestinian refugee camps with oxygen cylinders, medicines, and hygiene kit in order to help the displaced communities defend themselves against the highly-contagious virus.

In the meantime, UNRWA announced its decision to distribute fuel supplies to displaced Palestinian families from Syria sheltered in Lebanon's AlBekaa region.

The move comes thanks to donations by the government of Japan. Fuel will be distributed directly from petrol stations in the next few days. Concerned families will be receiving text messages to that end.

Palestinian families taking refuge in AlBekaa have been struggling for survival in the face of the sub-zero temperatures rocking the mountainous region and the rain downpours swamping their poorly-equipped tents.

Families have been left with no option other than burning plastic bottles to keep their children warm, despite the damage wrought on their vulnerable bodies.



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Price leap and steep rental fees, along with the absence of relief aid, have made life unbearable for the Palestinian refugees in AlBekaa.

The situation has been exacerbated by UNRWA's latest decision to cut aid for Palestinian refugees from Syria in Lebanon.

AGPS calls on the national and international humanitarian organizations and concerned authorities to set an emergency plan in order to help curtail the highly-contagious virus.