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Latest Developments

Head of the political department of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), Anwar Abdul Hadi, has accused UNRWA of dragging its feet regarding Palestinians' appeals for urgent relief services and reconstruction of the ravaged Yarmouk Camp, where at least 35 UN offices have been established.

Abdul Hadi told Sham FM radio that civilians have been allowed a month-entry to the camp to clear debris from their destroyed houses pending their total clearance by the concerned authorities.

The PLO official added that several companies will take charge of the reconstruction file. The residents will be granted either cash aid or interest-free loans.

In another development, 280 Palestinian refugees fighting alongside PLA forces have been pronounced dead since the outbreak of the conflict in the Syrian Arab Republic.

AGPS data indicates that most of the casualties died in such Rif Dimashq areas as Tel Kurdi, Tel Sawan and AlSweida region, south of Syria.

15 PLA members were pronounced dead after they broke away from the battalion. Several others were tortured to death in Syrian government jails. 17 members have been forcibly disappeared since 2011.



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Scores of Palestinian youths have been forced to join the PLA. Those who refuse forced conscription are often subjected to manhunt and imprisonment. Thousands of young men have fled the country in the hunt for a safer shelter.

Meanwhile, Palestinian refugee families taking shelter in Khan Dannun camp, in Rif Dimashq, continue to rail against the poor infrastructure and absence of vital facilities in the area.

Water supplies have been repeatedly cut off across residential neighborhoods in Khan Dannun, forcing civilians to buy drinking water from privately-owned tanks at steep prices. The residents have also denounced the ongoing electricity blackout.

At the same time, civilians continue to appeal to the concerned authorities to secure transportation means to give them daily lifts to their destinations and workplaces. Students, workers, and sick people are made to wait for over two hours daily to reach their destinations.

Living conditions in Khan Dannun have sharply deteriorated due to the lack of financial resources and high unemployment rates wrought by the unbridled warfare.

According to UN data, Khan Dannun camp was built several centuries ago to give overnight accommodation to trading caravans on the ancient route between Jerusalem and Constantinople (modern day Istanbul). In 1948, the ruins of the city provided shelter for refugees from villages in northern Palestine.



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The camp, which lies 23 km south of Damascus, was officially established in 1950-1951 on an area of 0.03 square kilometers. The camp was home to 10,000 Palestine refugees by 2011, almost all of whom were living in irregular housing, constructed without any formal approval from the municipality.

Before the conflict in Syria, the camp was already one of the poorest camps in Syria. The conflict exerted additional pressures. The camp was surrounded by armed opposition groups and many refugee families displaced from other areas of Damascus took refuge in the camp, tripling the number of residents to some 30,000 during the crisis. Currently, the camp is home to 12,650 Palestine refugees. The increase of the camp population has had a negative impact on the camp's infrastructure.

Along similar lines, a resident of AlHusainiya Camp for Palestinian refugees, in Rif Dimashq, was fatally stabbed in his chest as a fight broke out during a wedding ceremony held on September 03.

The residents expressed their dismay over the apathy of Syrian security forces regarding increasing reports of violence and vandalism in the area.

All the way through the ten-year Syrian conflict, Palestinians taking refuge in AlHusainiya camp have been grappling with dire conditions. High unemployment rates and the absence of relief assistance by UNRWA and other humanitarian institutions have made survival quite difficult in the area.

In the meantime, 48 Palestinian students who got high scores in 9



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grade exams and high school diploma for 2020/2021 academic year were honoured in a ceremony in northern Syria on Friday.

Head of Hamas Abroad Khaled Meshaal delivered a speech via telephone at the event organised to honour the top students of the preparatory and secondary schools.

He encouraged the students to continue their progress in all fields, expressing his "pride" in their creativity, stressing that education is the incentive for success and progress.