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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"Palestinians in Syria's Khan Eshieh Camp Facing Squalid Humanitarian Condition"

- 4 Missiles Slammed Into Vicinities of AlNeirab Camp for Palestinian Refugees
- Displaced Palestinian Families Raise Concerns over Health Risks of Heating Smokes
- 23 Migrants Die after Europe-Bound Vessels Sink

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Latest Developments

Palestinian families taking shelter in Khan Eshieh refugee camp, in Rif Dimashq, have appealed to the United Nations Works and Relief Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) and the Palestinian factions to take urgent action regarding the alarming humanitarian condition in the camp.

In appeals emailed to AGPS, the refugees said they have been struggling for survival due to the absence of drinking water, power, and fuel supplies.



The residents held UNRWA and the Palestinian factions responsible for the repercussions of the dire humanitarian situation in the area.

They further called on local activists to form ad hoc committees in order to reach out to the concerned authorities and find practical solutions to the socio-economic crises rocking the area.

Along similar lines, four missiles fell near AlNeirab refugee camp, in Aleppo. No injuries were reported.

Activists said the rockets were most probably unleashed by opposition squads in Syria.



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All the way through Syria's nine-year war, AlNeirab Camp has been a hotbed for munitions stores and arms depots surrounding the area from all sides.

The government-led Camp has also been a breeding ground for deadly hostilities due to its strategic proximity to AlNeirab Military Airport.

Meanwhile, desperate for warmth, displaced Palestinian and Syrian families taking refuge in under-equipped camps and substandard facilities north of Syria have been burning their clothes and plastic materials to stave off winter cold after they failed to afford firewood and fuel supplies.

This has resulted in heavy smokes engulfing the area from all corners and engendering civilians', particularly children's, health condition.



Activists sounded the alarm over the health hazards emanating from toxic smokes. Scores of children have sustained costochondritis (chest inflammation) and bronchitis.



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Quoted by Bawabat Hama facebook page, a pharmacist said dozens of cases of chest inflammation and bronchitis consult him everyday due to heavy smoke inhalation.

Palestinian refugees sheltered in Idlib, AlMuhammadiya Camp, and Deir Ballout Camp, in northern Syria have been enduring a tragic situation. Most of them have been crammed in poorly-equipped tents and denied their rights to vital services.

The families continue to lash out at the apathy maintained by UNRWA, the Palestinian Authority, the Palestine Liberation Organization, and all other local and international bodies regarding their tragic situation.

For many displaced Palestinian refugees, the perils of winter weather add to the torment already experienced throughout the conflict.

At least 12 people have drowned when a boat loaded with asylum seekers sank in the Ionian Sea, according to Greece's coast guard.

"So far 12 bodies have been recovered. The search and rescue operation continues," the coast guard said in a statement, adding that 21 people had been rescued. Three of those rescued were flown to Aktio, in western Greece, to receive medical treatment.

Authorities said the boat took on water near the island of Paxi during an apparent attempt to reach Italy.

Another 11 migrants, eight of them children, drowned off the west coast of Turkey after a boat taking them to Greece sunk in the Aegean Sea, the Turkish coast guard said late Saturday.



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The coast guard said it responded to reports of screaming near the resort town of Cesme, just across from the Greek island of Chios, where refugees are crowded into unsanitary camps.

Eight of the 19 migrants aboard the small vessel swam ashore or were saved.

No information about the nationality of those on the boat was provided. Palestinian, Syrian and Iraqi migrants often make up the majority of those making the dangerous crossing to Greece.

