



## التقرير اليومي



الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية  
The situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria

**Marginalized Palestinian Refugees Appeal for Urgent Humanitarian Action by UN Agency**

- **Palestinian Refugee Child Drowns on School Trip in Syria**
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## Latest Developments

Palestinian refugees and activists in Syria have called on the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) to take urgent humanitarian action regarding the dire humanitarian condition they have been enduring in displacement camps across war-torn Syria.

In appeals circulated on social media networks, representatives of the Palestine refugee community said their situation has taken a turn for the worse due to delays in UNRWA aid delivery.

Refugees have called on UNRWA to pay their cash aid on a monthly basis, saying cash assistance represents a lifeline for the cash-stripped families who have been struggling with multiple hardships inflicted by protracted displacement and the absence of legal protection.

Today, 90 per cent of the nearly 440,000 Palestine refugees who remain in Syria live in absolute poverty. Eleven years of conflict, displacement, soaring inflation, and loss of livelihoods all make their life untenable.

In another development, a Palestinian child drowned in a pool in Deraa while on a school trip.

13-year-old Kais Firas AlMesri, a 7th grader, was transferred to an intensive care unit at AlRahma Hospital in a very critical condition.

A UNRWA delegation paid a visit to the hospital to follow up on the child's health condition.

The warfare in Syria, which has now entered its eleventh year, has had traumatic fallouts on Palestinian refugee children in and outside the Syrian territories. Post-traumatic stress disorders, mental psychosis, sleeplessness and nightmares, eating disorders, and intense fear have all been among the symptoms with which Palestinian children have been diagnosed.

AGPS has recorded the death of 252 Palestinian refugee children in war-torn Syria. Hundreds more have gone orphaned after they lost one or both of their parents in the deadly warfare.



AGPS renews its calls to the international community, human rights institutions, UNICEF, UNRWA, and all concerned bodies to work on protecting Palestinian refugee children in embattled Syria and to provide those who fled the war-torn country with physical and moral protection in the host countries.

Meanwhile, representatives of the Palestinian Red Crescent paid a visit to elderly people sheltered in the ravaged Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian refugees, south of Damascus.

The Red Crescent team provided free medical check-ups and medicines to people with chronic diseases, including diabetes and hypertension.

The visit saw the day following joint efforts by the Palestinian Red Crescent, the Danish Red Cross, and the Zaytouna Clinics.

After more than a decade of bloody conflict, families who have returned to Yarmouk Camp have been grappling with a dire humanitarian situation. The absence of vital facilities, most notably healthcare services and access to education, along with the poor infrastructure, have made the situation unbearable in the camp.

Thousands of Palestinian refugees were forced out of Yarmouk Camp after the Syrian fighter jets struck the area in late 2012. Dozens were killed and hundreds wounded in the onslaught. The situation went downhill after ISIS militias grabbed hold of the camp in April 2015 and closed off vital thoroughfares to the area. Scores of other stranded families fled the camp following the 33-day military operation launched by the government forces on April 19.

Before the crisis started in 2011, Yarmouk was a bustling home to almost 30 percent of the Palestine refugee population in Syria. Today, the weight of displacement, hardship and the loss of loved ones add to the difficult living conditions in Yarmouk.

In the meantime, UNRWA education program organized an awareness campaign entitled “Health is Wealth” in an attempt to combat the increase of cigarette smoking among adolescents.

٢٥٠ students from UNRWA schools in Homs, Hama and Latakia attended presentations delivered as part of the campaign.





Campaigners warned of the harmful effects of smoking and stressed the importance of adopting a healthy lifestyle.

Scores of Palestinian children have been spotted taking up cigarettes and hookah in displacement camps across war-torn Syria as a means to escape the scenes of violence and dislocation.

Many children have dropped out of school as a result of the bloody warfare in Syria, which has had traumatic fallouts on Palestinian refugee children in and outside the Syrian territories.

Post-traumatic stress disorders, mental psychosis, sleeplessness, nightmares, eating disorders, and intense fear have all been among the symptoms with which Palestinian children have been diagnosed after they lost their homes, have had their parents killed in the war, underwent limb amputation, and witnessed daily scenes of death and destruction.

AGPS calls on all international institutions and NGOs, namely UNICEF and UNRWA, to take serious measures in order to provide Palestinian children with the physical and moral protection quite urgently needed at such turbulent times.

Palestinian children from Syria who fled with their parents to neighboring countries have also faced severe psychological breakdowns owing to protracted displacement and economic hardship.