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## الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية

Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"Dozens of Poor Families Deprived of Fuel Supplies in Daraa Camp for Palestine Refugees"

- Activists Call for Reconstruction of Vital Facilities in Handarat Refugee Camp
- Elderly Palestinian Refugees Struggle with Language Acquisition in Europe
- Palestinian Girl from Syria among Top 4 Candidates in Dubai Reading Contest



## **Latest Developments**

Fuel supplies have been distributed in Daraa Camp for Palestine refugees, south of Syria. Lists of concerned families were prepared sometime earlier using smart cards.

Every registered family reportedly received 100 liters of fuel. The price of fuel set by the Syrian government is 18,000 Syrian Pounds per liter.

However, dozens of cash-strapped families could not purchase fuel. The bulk of civilians have been deprived of fuel reserves needed for cooking and heating, with the advent of a freezing winter.



Daraa Camp for Palestinian refugees has been grappling with abject conditions as a result of the fallouts wrought by the military operation launched by the Syrian government forces in mid-June 2018 using internationally-prohibited weapons in an attempt to recapture the area. 80% of civilian homes and property were destroyed.

An acute shortage in medicines and much-needed items along with the government's tough blockade on the camp have made life unbearable in the area.



Soon after the Syrian government recaptured the camp, civilians appealed to the Palestinian Authority, Palestine Liberation Organization, and UNRWA to urgently step in and work on securing life-saving medicines and foodstuff urgently needed in the area.

The residents further appealed for debris-clearance, reconstruction of ruined homes and facilities, and removal of trash piles.

Meanwhile, members of Liwaa AlQuds squad, affiliated with the Syrian government, and the Palestinian Red Crescent have embarked on the rehabilitation of the local park in Handarat Camp for Palestinian refugees, in Aleppo, which sustained heavy damage in the bloody conflict rocking the Syrian territories.



Activists condemned the move, saying serious measures should have been taken to reconstruct infrastructure and civilian buildings and urging the Syrian government and UNRWA to work on rehabilitating power/water networks along with vital services, including education and health care.

Heavy shelling on Handarat and bloody shootouts between the government forces and the opposition outfits led to the destruction of over 90% of buildings in the camp. The confrontations



culminated in the government's takeover of the camp along with other areas in Aleppo and the displacement of its residents on April 27, 2013.

Meanwhile, hundreds of Palestinian refugees who fled war-Torn Syrian to Europe have been struggling with language acquisition, particularly in northern European countries.

Linguistic and socio-cultural discrepancies in the new destinations often result in difficulties in the integration process and block the refugees' access to the local labor market, particularly in the academic field which necessitates a native-like mastery of national languages. As a result hundreds of refugees in such countries as Norway, Sweden, Denmark, the Netherlands, and Germany have been forced to join low-paid jobs.

After eight years of conflict, Palestinians from Syria continue to be seriously affected by the warfare. Thousands have been scattered across the globe, torn away from the nourishment of home and warmth of family.

In the meantime, Palestinian student from Syria Sirine Fawaz Mohamed, from Syria's Yarmouk Camp, won the Arab Reading Challenge in the Netherlands.

Syrine also snatched the fourth seat in Dubai's fourth Arab Reading Challenge, beating thousands of candidates from across the Arab world.

Syrine said the competition revived her sense of belonging to the Arab world in a country where the study of Arab literature and



history has dwindled, adding that she read over 100 books, exceeding the required 25 books.

