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Woman Subjected to Violent Robbery at Palestinian Refugee Camp in Syria

- **UNRWA Chief Meets with Aleppo Governor**
- Injuries Reported in Gas Cylinder Explosion in Hums Refugee Camp
- Residents of Yarmouk Camp Appeal for Means of Transportation

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## **Latest Developments**

A Palestinian-Syrian woman sheltered in AlHusainiya refugee camp, in Rif Dimashq, was violently robbed by an anonymous gangster.

The victim said a masked man carrying a white gun attacked her at 06:45 p.m. and tightlipped her before he dragged her to an abandoned street near AlSyeda Aisha Mosque and took away her bag containing a sum of 350,000 Syrian pounds and her identity documents.

Over recent years, property-theft and home burglary have been increasingly reported in displacement camps across the warravaged Syrian territories, particularly overnight due to power blackout.

In another development, Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) discussed with Aleppo Governor the situation of Palestinian refugees in the northern Syria displacement camps of Hindarat and AlNeirab.

Aleppo Governor briefed Philippe Lazzarini on the heavy damaged inflicted on infrastructure and vital facilities in the area.

Lazzarini sounded the alarm over the dire humanitarian situation of Palestinian refugees and called for the need to mobilize funds in order to rehabilitate life-saving facilities and services.

In another development, fires broke out at a house in AlAyedeen Camp for Palestinian refugees, in Hums, after a gas cylinder went off.

Palestinian-Syrian man Ahmed Idris and his wife sustained burns and injuries. They were transferred to a hospital. Heavy material damage was also reported.

Palestinians taking shelter in AlAyedeen Camp in Hums have been facing a deteriorating humanitarian situation as a result of the price leap, sharp shortage in fuel supplies, the frequent power blackouts, and absence of humanitarian assistance. High rates of



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unemployment and the security turmoil rocking the region have made the situation far more alarming.

In the meantime, residents of Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian refugees have called on Damascus governor to work on rehabilitating the main transportation line in the camp.

Photos circulated on social media networks show dozens of residents working for several kilometers at the crack of dawn to reach their destinations.

The residents called for the need to secure buses to transfer schoolchildren and workers to and back from their academic institutions and workplaces.

Before the eruption of the conflict in 2011, Yarmouk was home to approximately 160,000 Palestine refugees, making it the largest Palestine refugee community in Syria. Located eight kilometers from Damascus, it is one of three unofficial camps in Syria.

In December 2012, fierce clashes erupted in Yarmouk, causing numerous civilian casualties, severe damage to property and the displacement of thousands of Palestine refugees and Syrians. The camp was under siege from July 2013, drastically restricting the entry of commercial and humanitarian goods.

Available data by UNRWA indicates that 32 UNRWA facilities have been reduced to rubble in Yarmouk Camp alone, including 16 schools, in the Syrian conflict.

Several other UNRWA facilities were destroyed in the Syrian warfare and others have gone out of operation, including two clinics, a vocational training center, a youth development center, and 28 schools, out of 112 UNRWA schools in Syria.