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#### "Palestinian Refugees Rally Outside of UNRWA Offices in Lebanon"

- Rights Group Urges UNRWA to Reconsider Cash Aid Cut for Palestinians of Syria
- PLO Delegation Shows Up in Yarmouk Camp
- Displaced Families Allowed Access to AlHajar AlAswad Neighborhood

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## Latest Developments

Palestinian refugees from Syria (PRS) in Lebanon held on Friday a rally outside of UNRWA offices in Sidon, Tripoli, Central AlBekaa, and Beirut to protest the Agency's decision to reduce cash aid for PRS families.

The protesters strongly condemned the decision which they said is a sign of apathy regarding the abject humanitarian condition already endured by PRS in displacement camps across the Lebanese territories.

They added that the decision is also a serious breach of UNRWA's humanitarian mission as mandated by the UN and the Agency's promise to assist Palestinian refugees in its five fields of operation, including Lebanon.

The protests culminated in a memorandum to the Director-General of UNRWA operations in Lebanon, Claudio Cordone.

Last week, UNRWA said in a statement that starting 2022, multi-purpose monthly cash grants of 100 USD to every registered family will be reduced to 25 USD per person.

The Agency also said every Palestinian family from Syria (PRS) will receive an additional cash grant of 150 USD two times a year. UNRWA will suspend its food allowances for PRS in Lebanon.

The new measures will be put into effect as of January 1, 2022.



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Palestinian refugees from Syria have expressed their shock at the decision, saying UNRWA cash aid is a lifeline for them.

At the same time, a number of NGOs leveled heavy criticism at the Agency. THABIT Organization for Right of Return strongly condemned the decision and urged the Agency to backtrack on the new measures which it said would result in further despair for PRS.

In a statement issued on Thursday, THABIT said UNRWA should have rather increased its financial grants for Palestinian refugees in Lebanon, in light of the dire socio-economic conditions inflicted by the crash of the Lebanese pound and the dramatic price leap.

THABIT urged UNRWA to seek more donors for its annual budget in order to keep up its services for vulnerable Palestinian refugees.

The organization also urged Palestinian political factions and CSOs in Lebanon to pressurize UNRWA to cancel the new decision and save the Palestinian refugee community in Lebanon.

In another development, representatives of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) visited on Thursday Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian refugees, in Damascus, to inspect rubble-clearance works in the area.

Mahmoud AlKhaled, member of the committee overseeing rubble-clearance in the camp, said serious efforts have been underway to facilitate civilians' return to their houses. He added that Yarmouk



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municipality will take charge of entry permits instead of security branches.

AlKhaled said 90% of debris-removal works have been finalized in Yarmouk and Palestine streets. Civilians' return has been proceeding at a low pace due to poor infrastructure and absence of vital facilities.

He called on Yarmouk residents to return to their houses and retrieve their property.

In the meantime, chief of AlHajar AlAswad city council, in Rif Dimashq, Khaled Khamis said the Governorate has started issuing permits to a number of families wishing to return to AlHajar AlAswad.

He said over 60% of rubble has been removed from residential alleyways and access roads in the area. Uninhabitable and ruined buildings will also be razed to unblock secondary roads. Three UNRWA schools will also be rehabilitated in AlHajar AlAswad and four in AlQuneitra.

In early September this year, Rif Dimashq Governorate started receiving demands by residents of AlHajar AlAswad neighborhood to return to their houses and retrieve their property.

Thousands of Palestinian refugees took shelter in AlHajar AlAswad, which came under heavy shelling since 2013 and a crippling siege after ISIS crept into the area. Offensives launched



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by the Syrian and Russian forces resulted in heavy material damage and took away the lives of dozens of civilians.