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## الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية

Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"US Ambassador to UN: Conditions in Syria Not Suitable for Return of Refugees"

- Palestinian Refugees Denounce Price Manipulation in Syria Displacement Camp
- Palestinian Refugees in Rif Dimashq Appeal for Vital Services
- Anti-Bullying Event Held by UNRWA in Khan Dannun Camp
- Stray Dogs Sway Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian Refugees



## **Latest Developments**

United States envoy to the United Nations Linda Thomas Greenfield said the current conditions in Syria are not suitable for the return of refugees.

She made her remarks Friday during a visit to the Zaatari camp, located 85 km northeast of the Jordanian capital Amman, which almost houses 80,000 refugees from Syria.

"While we know the ultimate goal is for refugees to return home, what I heard today is that people remain fearful about the conditions in Syria and are not ready to return," she noted.

"It is indisputable that the current environment is not conducive to return. My takeaway from this visit is that the international community must be vigilant in ensuring that any refugee returns are safe, voluntary, and dignified."

"We appreciate the Jordanians' enormous generosity in hosting such a large Syrian refugee population, as well as refugees from other regional conflicts," Greenfield added.

She also hailed Jordan's commitment to providing safe shelter for its neighbors for many years, saying it sets an example to the world.



During her visit, the UN envoy met with refugees from Syria living in the camp and visited community centers and services run by the UNHCR and other UN Agencies.

"After 10 years of war, we know that hosting hundreds of thousands of refugees is no easy task," she stressed, noting that for this reason, the US remains the biggest donor to the Syrian refugee response.

She affirmed she will use her platform at the UN to encourage others to contribute to this cause.

Jordan hosts about 650,000 UN-registered Syrian refugees, while Amman estimates the number of those who have sought refuge in Jordan since the outbreak of the conflict in Syria at about 1.3 million.

Last summer, Jordan said the number of Syrians who left Jordan to return to their country since 2018 did not exceed 50,000.

In another development, residents of Khan Eshieh Camp for Palestinian refugees, in Rif Dimashq, have denounced the exorbitant prices of vital food items, including bread.

Speaking with AGPS, a number of residents said a bread bundle is sold at a price of over 1,500 Syrian pounds.

They warned of the increasing manipulation of bread prices and distribution and called on the Syrian authorities to take urgent measures in response.



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Palestinian refugees continue to launch cries for help over their deteriorating humanitarian condition due to the sharp decrease in the exchange rate of the Syrian pound compared to the USD and their lack of access to the local labor market.

Along similar lines, Palestinian refugee families sheltered south of Rif Dimashq province continue to rail against the poor infrastructure and absence of vital facilities.

Residents of the refugee camps and neighborhoods of AlSayeda Zeinab, AlBahdaliya, AlDhiabiya, AlHusainiya, and AlSabina continue to grapple with frequent power and water blackouts.

Meanwhile, a so-called "Together for a Better Future" event was held at the UNRWA-run Jericho School in Khan Dannun Camp for Palestinian refugees, in Rif Dimashq.

The move marks the International Day against Violence and Bullying at School including Cyberbullying. It also makes part of UNRWA's anti-bullying program, held in partnership with psychiatrists and teaching staff.

The protracted trauma of living under shelling took its toll on many schoolchildren in the embattled Syrian territories. Such events help students, including Palestinian refugee students, overcome the heavy toll of the dire humanitarian condition.



Bullying is the use of force, coercion, or threat, to abuse, aggressively dominate or intimidate. It is a form of aggressive behavior intended to hurt another individual, physically, mentally, or emotionally. Bullying is characterized by hostile intent, imbalance of power, and repetition over a period of time. It ranges from one-on-one, individual bullying through to group bullying, called mobbing. Bullying in school and the workplace is also referred to as "peer abuse".

In the meantime, residents of Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian refugees, south of Damascus, have raised concerns over their children's safety as packs of stray dogs have been spotted in and around the camp.

The refugees appealed to the concerned authorities and NGOs to take urgent action over the spread of feral dogs in the camp.

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Survival for the majority of Palestinian families in war-stricken Syria has largely hinged on relief assistance. The vast majority of families have been living below the poverty line.