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## الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية

Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



## **مجموعة العمل** من أجل فلسطينيي سـورية **Action Group** For Palestinians of Syria

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- 4 New Coronavirus Cases Recorded among Palestinians of Syria in Lebanon
- UNRWA Delays Cash Aid Transfer for Palestinians from Syria in Lebanon
- Disinfectants Distributed to People with Special Needs in Palestinian Refugee Camp



## **Latest Developments**

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AGPS defines itself as a London-based human rights watchdog that monitors the situation of Palestinian refugees in war-torn Syria. It is registered in the UK under number: 09159238.

AGPS material is purely fact-based and rooted in real data compiled by a team of professional journalists, on-the-spot reporters, news correspondents, veterans, and local activists.



The group is dedicated to bringing the news of the Palestinians of Syria and the human rights violations perpetrated against them to a wide audience without bias or a political agenda.

Speaking the truth, propagating the truth, and documenting the truth are, therefore, the key guiding lines for AGPS' mission.

In seeking to fulfill this goal, AGPS team does its best to uphold the finest standards of historiographic ethics and maintain honesty in sourcing.

In another development, four residents of a Palestinian refugee camp in Lebanon tested positive for the novel coronavirus, bringing total cases in the area to five.

Authorities closed all entrances to AlJalil Palestinian refugee camp in eastern Lebanon on Friday after four more people tested positive for COVID-19, heightening concerns the virus could further spread among its overcrowded population.



The four infected with the virus are relatives of a Palestinian woman from Syria who tested positive earlier this week and are quarantined



inside their home, according to a statement from the UN agency for Palestinian refugees (UNRWA).

The Palestinian woman who was taken to a hospital in Beirut this week became the first refugee living in a camp in Lebanon to contract the virus, a finding that triggered a spate of testing in the camp.

The woman is identified as Manal Shehabi, displaced from Syria's Yarmouk displacement camp.

Lebanon, a tiny country of five million people, is host to tens of thousands of Palestinian refugees and their descendants, most of them living in squalid camps with no access to public services, with limited employment opportunities and no rights to ownership.

On Friday, Palestinian fighters in charge of the camp security wore face masks as they patrolled the narrow streets and alleyways of the camp with an estimated population of up to 3,000.

Meanwhile, UNRWA in Lebanon said monthly cash grants for Palestinians from Syria will be delayed.

A couple of days earlier, UNRWA said it delayed delivery of cash aid because it has been seeking higher currency exchange rates in an attempt to increase the purchasing value of the allocated grants.

The UN has identified Palestinian refugees in Lebanon as one of the most marginalized and poorest communities in the region as they continue to face high marginalization, making them heavily reliant on humanitarian support to cover their basic needs. The socioeconomic hardships and unrest experienced by the country have compounded the refugees' already dire living conditions.



The majority of the Palestinian refugee population in Lebanon live in poverty and are unable to meet even their most essential food requirements. The refugees' vulnerability is further compounded by their lack of access to healthcare facilities.

In the meantime, Musawat Foundation for the Empowerment of People with Special needs in Syria distributed, in cooperation with the General Authority for Palestinian Arab Refugees and UNRWA's Social Development Center in AlSabina camp, baskets containing disinfectants for people with special needs in and around AlSabina.

Over recent weeks, AGPS has warned of a projected outbreak of COVID-19 in Palestinian refugee camps in Syria. Though campaigns to help spread awareness among the camps' residents have recently seen the day, limited access to running water, pharmacies and medical facilities means displacement camps are more susceptible to the spread of the highly infectious virus.

Displacement camps set up in northern Syria are especially vulnerable as most hospitals and medical facilities have been bombed, rendering them out of order.





AGPS is deeply concerned that the lack of transparency maintained by the Syrian government regarding the pandemic will result in a catastrophic situation in displacement camps, at a time when the deadly virus continues to claim the lives of thousands of people across the globe.

The Syrian government has reported only 42 cases of positive COVID-19 tests and three deaths from the virus.