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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



### "Palestinians from Syria in Lebanon Excluded from UNRWA Vacancies"

- 252 Palestinians from Yarmouk Camp Forcibly Disappeared in Syria
- Palestinian Refugees in Northern Syria Displacement Camps Denounce Bread Shortage
- Vigil Held in AlRamadan Camp to Support Jerusalem, Gaza
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## Latest Developments

Palestinian refugees from Syria in Lebanon slammed the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) for excluding them from a vacancy opened up on March 17 for its Lebanon office.

A number of Palestinian refugees from Syria who applied for the job (cleaning worker) to help feed their impoverished families said none of them has been recruited.

The refugees called on the Agency to increase the food grants to 300,000 Lebanese pounds or to transfer them in USD as per the World Food Program.

Palestinian refugees from Syria (PRS) in Lebanon are grappling with increased hardship and vulnerability, due to long-term displacement and difficult socio-economic conditions, coupled with the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic, said UNRWA in a fact sheet entitled “Syria Regional Crisis Emergency Appeal 2021”.

According to UNRWA, 87% of PRS live in poverty in the Lebanese territories.

Nearly 65% of Palestinian refugees in Lebanon (PRL) live in poverty.

UNRWA’s factsheet indicates that 257,000 Palestinian refugees in Lebanon are in need of UNRWA emergency cash assistance.



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In another development, AGPS has documented the secret detention of 252 Palestinian residents of Yarmouk Camp, south of Damascus in Syria's state-run penal complexes. The list includes 25 women.

125 of Yarmouk detainees were arrested in the camp while nine refugees were arrested in the nearby AlTadhamun neighborhood. Seven residents were arrested in AlZahira, seven in Yalda, four in AlASayeda Zeinab, and four in AlHusainiya camp. The other residents were arrested in and around Damascus.

AGPS continues to urge the Syrian authorities to reveal the condition and whereabouts of hundreds of Palestinians who have been enduring mysterious fates in government-run lock-ups.

AGP also documented the death of over 570 Palestinians under torture in Syrian government prisons.

Meanwhile, displaced Palestinians and Syrians sheltered in Deir Ballout and AlMuhammadiya camps, in the northern Syrian province of Aleppo, denounced the poor bread distribution mechanisms.

On May 28, the Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency of Turkey (AFAD) distributed bread to over 600 displaced families taking refuge in the camps. The families were made to line up for hours under the scorching sunbeams and in queues where no anti-cornavirus measures were taken.





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Hundreds of Palestinian families have been struggling for survival in the poorly-equipped Deir Ballout and Muhammadiya camps, after they were forced out of Yarmouk and southern Damascus towns.

For many displaced Palestinian refugees, the perils of coronavirus add to the torment already experienced throughout the conflict.

Along similar lines, Palestinian refugees and Syrian nationals turned up to the streets of AlRamadan Camp on May 27 to celebrate the ceasefire deal between Israel and the Palestinian resistance.

The refugees chanted slogans in solidarity with Gaza and in protest at Israel's atrocious crimes against the Palestinians.

Marches and solidarity vigils have recently taken place in displacement camps set up across Syria in solidarity with Jerusalem and Gaza.

Several pro-Palestinian rallies have also occurred in many countries around the world in support of the Palestinian people in the aftermath of the Israeli aggression on the blockaded Gaza Strip.

Protesters showed support for Palestinians and accused the Israeli government of using disproportionate force and indiscriminately bombing densely populated civilian areas in Gaza.

Last week, a ceasefire mediated by Egypt ended 11 days of hostilities, during which the Israeli military pounded Gaza with air strikes.



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Gaza medical officials said 248 people were killed in the Palestinian enclave, and aid officials have expressed concern about the humanitarian situation there.

In the meantime, the Government of Italy has contributed EUR 6.8 million to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) in support of the Agency's core programmes and services, including education, healthcare, and relief and social services.

UNRWA said in a press release that this support from Italy will have a direct positive impact on the well-being of some of the most vulnerable refugees in the Middle East.

"This contribution reflects Italy's long-standing commitment to support UNRWA in delivering health, education and social services to Palestinian refugees across the Middle East," said Giuseppe Fedele, Consul General of Italy in Jerusalem. "Recently, UNRWA has been at the frontline in providing emergency support to Palestinians most affected by the recent resumption of hostilities in the Gaza Strip, showing once again how valuable UNRWA's presence on the ground is for reaching the people most in need."

"We are extremely grateful to the people and Government of Italy for this generous contribution which comes at a time when UNRWA operates amidst dire financial conditions exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemics and the recent dramatic hostilities in the occupied Palestinian territories," said Marc Lassouaoui, Acting Director of Partnerships of UNRWA. "This timely contribution will help UNRWA continue delivering core services to Palestine



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refugees throughout the region, including education, health care and relief and social services.”

The Government of Italy has been a longstanding supporter and a strategic partner of UNRWA. In 2020, Italy contributed over EUR 15 million, playing a critical role at a time when UNRWA faced an existential crisis. It is thanks to the enduring support of donors like the Government of Italy that the Agency is able to provide vital services to Palestine refugees across the Middle East in the face of its continuing challenges.