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Palestinian Refugee Student Obtains Highest Score at Turkish University

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- Palestinians from Syria Grappling with Dire Conditions in Jordan
- AGPS Takes Part in Humanitarian Communication Course

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## **Latest Developments**

Palestinian refugee student Shadi Hamdan obtained a score of 4,00/4,08 as part of his computer engineering studies at Koç University, in the cosmopolitan and vibrant city of Istanbul.

A Turkish journalist said in a tweet that the score is the highest ever achieved by a non-Turkish national at the university.

In his graduation speech Shadi said: "Five years ago I was in a completely different place. At the beginning of my academic career at Koç University, I was both excited and anxious in the face of a new culture and a new environment. But I made it thanks to my new friends who have always been there for me".

Hundreds of displaced Palestinian refugees in/from Syria have achieved success stories, despite the traumatic upshots wrought by the daily scenes of bloodshed and destruction across the embattled Syrian territories.

Recently, a number of Palestinian refugee students obtained their graduation certificates with honours at renowned academic institutions across European and non-European countries.

Meanwhile, a school in Australia was forced to fly the Palestinian flag after the Palestinian refugee girl Yasmeen Mushainesh refused to go to the school for two days until the administration agreed to place the Palestinian flag among other countries flags.

Yasmeen called on her school administration to fly the Palestinian flag among others countries' flag but the school rejected her appeal saying they will rather fly Syria's or Israel's flags.

In response, Yasmeen refused to go to school after she told her parents that she is ill. Two days later, the school administration reached out to her parents and asked them to bring Yasmeen back to school after they agreed to fly the Palestinian flag.

Several news outlets acclaimed Yasmeen's position despite of her very young age.



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In another development, Palestinian refugees from Syria (PRS) in Jordan have denounced delays in aid delivery by the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA).

Palestinian refugee woman Umm Muhammed Noubani said: "We've run out of patience. It's been three months now since we have not received our cash aid. For how long should we keep waiting?"

UNRWA said in its 2022 budget appeal launched in Geneva that the number of PRS in Jordan has remained relatively stable for a number of years, with 19,000 PRS recorded with UNRWA until the end of 2021. Of these, 349 reside in King Abdullah Park (KAP), facing movement restrictions and a number of protection concerns.

According to UNRWA, 100% of PRS in Jordan are in need of emergency cash assistance.

More than 2 million Palestine refugees registered with UNRWA live in Jordan. There are ten recognized Palestine refugee camps throughout the country, which accommodate nearly 370,000 Palestine refugees. Jordan hosts the largest number of Palestine refugees of all of the UNRWA fields.

In the meantime, AGPS media chief Fayez Abu Eid participated in a training course on communication in humanitarian organizations, held by the Palestinian Return Centre (PRC) in London, in partnership with Al Jazeera Media Institute.

The course was delivered via Zoom by journalist Ahmed Abu Hamad, from Al Jazeera Media Institute.

The two-day course (June 26-27) aims to raise awareness about the importance of communication for humanitarian organizations and NGOs and the best strategies to enhance communication skills, administer social media platforms, manage crises, and master the techniques of proactive and interactive communication.

The course falls in line with the "Ambassadors of Return" program launched by PRC since 2013 in countries hosting Palestinian refugees in order to boost media coverage of Palestinian refugees and their inalienable right of return to their homeland.