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Latest developments

Palestinian families from Syria taking shelter in AlHadiqa refugee camp, in Ar-Ramtha city, situated in the far northwest of Jordan, continue to appeal for urgent humanitarian action in response to the squalid conditions they have been enduring in the camp as a result of the lockdown measures slapped in the area to help fight the novel coronavirus.

Activists said the residents have been denied free access out of and into the area due to the quarantine imposed on the camp for over five months. Returnees are systematically quarantined for over 20 days.

A Palestinian refugee woman compared the camp to an open-air prison, saying she has not been able to see her siblings for months.

The poor healthcare services and the absence of medicines and medical equipment have made the situation worse.

In its 2019 Syria Regional Crisis Emergency Appeal, UNRWA said 30% of Palestinian refugees from Syria (PRS) are highly vulnerable and 31% of recorded PRS are members of female-headed households, which increases their vulnerability.

Due to new arrivals and natural population growth, the number of PRS recorded with the UNRWA in Jordan increased from 16,779 individuals in October 2017 to 17,719 at the end of October 2018.

PRS who have entered from Syria and remain in Jordan irregularly are living under continuous risk of arrest, detention and potential



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for forced return to Syria. Their lack of legal status and corresponding protection risks in Jordan are a source of major concern to UNRWA.

In another development, Palestinian refugee Mohamed Abu Leil, from Handarat camp, was moderately injured following a landmine blast.

Mohamed is the military media chief at Liwaa AlQuds armed group, affiliated with the Syrian government forces.

Nearly 7,000 gunmen are enlisted at Liwaa AlQuds brigade, among them 800 Palestinian refugees taking shelter in refugee camps across the Syrian territories.

AGPS kept record of the death of 90 Palestinian refugees as they fought alongside Liwaa AlQuds forces since 2013.

Meanwhile, Palestinian refugees continue to voice their firm rejection of the new organizational plan put forth by Damascus Governorate to rehabilitate Yarmouk Camp.

Tension has been running high in the area as thousands of refugees continue to rail against the proposed plan, amid growing fears that their homes and property will be removed from the new plan.

To file a complaint, the residents should carry a personal photo, a property ownership proof, and a stamp worth 700 Syrian pounds. Those living outside Syria are entitled to file complaints through their relatives, including fourth-degree relatives.



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Governorate officials said the revision of the plan depends on the number of complaints.

Recently, AGPS has called on the Syrian authorities in Damascus to re-examine the new organizational plan put forth by Damascus governorate to rehabilitate Yarmouk Camp and to rather implement the old plan which was approved in 2004.

In a statement issued last week, AGPS said plans that do not take into account Palestinians' inalienable rights make part of underway conspiracies to further displace the Palestinian people and destroy displacement camps as living witnesses to their refugee plight.

The statement said the new organizational plan will remarkably change the demographic and architectural identity of the camp. Several buildings and facilities will be removed, which will lead to a mass displacement of refugee families and a further deterioration of their humanitarian condition.

Meanwhile, director of UNRWA operations in Syria, Amany Michael-Ebye met with the Syrian Minister of Education Emad AlAzab.

Amany and Azab discussed ways to boost cooperation between UNRWA and the Education Ministry to enhance the academic output/input of Palestinian refugees in Syria.

UNRWA director hailed the Ministry's efforts to distribute school furniture allocated by the Agency to Palestinian refugees. He also lauded the Ministry for enabling UNRWA to use 41 schools during



UNRWA has been active in Syria since it started its field operations in 1950. Since the start of the conflict in 2011, UNRWA has stepped up its operations to ensure the needs of Palestine refugees in the country are met. The Agency is the main provider of humanitarian assistance, protection and basic services to 438,000 Palestine refugees who remain in the country, and who have been among those worst affected by the crisis. Almost 60 per cent of Palestine refugees in Syria have been displaced at least once.



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