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Latest Developments

Activists and CSOs from Palestinian territories occupied since 1948 (present-day Israel) have embarked on a campaign to assist Palestinians and Syrians sheltered in northern Syria displacement camps.

Palestinian activist Ibrahim Khalil launched through his Facebook account a campaign titled “A house instead a tent” in an attempt to establish a housing village made up of 270 residential apartments, a mosque, a school, a health centre, and a commercial centre northwest of Syria.

Palestinians from Jerusalem and other occupied territories have made donations as part of the campaign.

Palestinian young man Iyad Zaytoun has put up his house in Jerusalem for sale at a sum of 95,000 USD in order to dispatch the money to displaced families in northern Syria. The sum will help establish 35 to 40 houses in the ravaged area.

Residents of Jerusalem’s Shu’fat Camp also raised 200,000 shekels as part of “I am Human” campaign launched in favor of the displaced Palestinian and Syrian families in northern Syria.

Sometime earlier, AlAysh 48 Association launched the “Karama6” campaign to assist Palestinian and Syrian families sheltered in the substandard facilities set up in northern Syria. Trucks laden with



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relief items, including 450 tons of wood, 4,000 blankets, 700 heaters, and 100 tons of flour, were dispatched to northern Syria.

AlKouloub AlRahima Association also raised nearly one million dollars while residents of Tamra town, north of Palestine, raised 1.2 million shekels. Palestinian girl Sirine Hamoud collected 60,000 USD from residents of Kafr Menda, north of occupied Palestine.

At the same time, residents of Tuba AlZangharia, northeast of Tiberias, in 1948 Occupied Palestine, funneled 100,000 USD to displaced families north of Syria. Ighatha48 sent medical equipment to displaced Palestinian families north of Syria.

The campaigns come as a snowstorm has hit Syria and the Middle East. Heavy snowfall has affected north-west Syria since 18 January, damaging displacement sites, tents and people's belongings.

Meanwhile, Palestinian refugees continue to lash out at UNRWA over its apathy regarding their appeals for increasing cash grants.

UNRWA said it will transfer 75,000 Syrian pounds to vulnerable families and 55,000 to other registered families.

The cash-stripped refugees said such a sum is insufficient and does not cover their basic needs in an area where prices have skyrocketed.

Earlier this month, UNRWA announced it was seeking from the international community US\$ 1.6 billion in 2022 to provide



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millions of Palestine refugees vital, lifesaving services and programs, including education, health, and food assistance.

UNRWA Commissioner-General Philippe Lazzarini said chronic Agency budget shortfalls threaten the livelihoods and well-being of the Palestine refugees that UNRWA serves and pose a serious threat to the Agency's ability to maintain services.

The 2022 budget proposal comes as UNRWA confronts a chronic funding shortfall that undermines its effort to provide humanitarian and human development support to some of the world's most vulnerable refugees, whose needs keep increasing. Moreover, COVID-19 continues to pose serious health risks and exacerbate economic hardships across the region, with now an estimated 2.3 million Palestine refugees living in poverty.

Distress and despair have become the norm among Palestinian refugees, where many in Gaza, Syria and Lebanon report their readiness to use any means to try to migrate outside of the region.

Along similar lines, residents of AlHsainiya Camp for Palestinian refugees in Rif Dimashq have been severely affected by the snowstorm that rocked the region over the past couple of weeks.

The situation has been exacerbated by the absence of fuel supplies needed for cooking and heating purposes.

As weather temperatures have gone down, Palestinian refugee families in displacement camps across war-torn Syria continue to struggle with multiple hardships.



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Speaking with AGPS, a number of Palestinian refugees said they have no heating equipment except for blankets and mattresses.

The families have expressed fear that they won't be able to cook their food or keep the cold out of their homes this year due to fuel dearth, as a freezing winter season is about to unlock its gates.

The refugees have launched into a tirade against the malpractices of Syria's burgeoning black oil market, fuel shortages, and—most of all—the exorbitant prices of wood and fuel charged by corrupt officials and traders.

In the meantime, UNRWA honored 73 Palestinian refugee students who achieved high scores as part of 9 grade exams for the academic year 2020-2021.

A ceremony was held in the Damascus Training Centre (DTC).

Director of UNRWA operations in Syria Amany Michael Ebye congratulated the students and acclaimed their iron will and strong determination despite the countless challenges they continue to face.

Success rates among Palestinian 9

graders enrolled at UNRWA schools in Syria has reached 90% over the past couple of years.