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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"Refugee Tents in Deir Ballout Swamped with Water following River Flood"

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Latest Developments

Displaced families in the Muhammadiya and Deir Ballout refugee camps in northern Syria have raised concerns about the upshots of the flooding of the Afrin river in the wake of heavy rains.

Tents have been flooded with water as torrential downpours have swamped Palestinian refugee camps in Afrin, north of Syria.

Pictures and videos circulated on social media show dozens of tents being swamped by rain deluges while children appear to be shivering of cold.



Hundreds of displaced Palestinian families who were forcibly deported to northern Syria continue to launch cries for help as a freezing winter season has enveloped the region.

Refugee families and activists continue to lash out at the apathy maintained by UNRWA, the Palestinian Authority, the Palestine Liberation Organization, and all other concerned bodies regarding the tragic situation wrought on the displaced Palestinian families.



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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 winter weather add to the torment already experienced through conflict.

Along the same line, residents of Jaramana Camp for Palestinian refugees in Rif Dimashq continue to rail against poor sanitation networks and improper sewage disposal as a result of frequent blackouts and maintenance works in the area.

The displaced families warned of the life-threatening diseases wrought by poisonous rodents and unpleasant smells stemming from contaminated sewage poured near their refugee camp. Frequent power outage has added bad to worse.



The Social Development Committee in Jaramana paid a visit to ALTahrir neighborhood to keep tabs on the damage wrought by the sanitation network, which it said requires comprehensive maintenance.



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A member of the committee said a budget has been allotted for repair works, in cooperation with the General Authority for Palestinian Arab refugees and UNRWA.

Over recent years, residents of Jaramana Camp have launched cries for help over the dire socio-economic conditions, high unemployment rates, poor infrastructure, steep rental fees, and chronic water crisis rocking the area.

Meanwhile, UNRWA has said that of the estimated 438,000 Palestine refugees remaining inside Syria, 60% have been displaced at least once since the start of the conflict and a third have had their homes damaged or destroyed.

Over 120,000 Palestinian refugees from Syria have fled the country, including over 28,000 currently present in Lebanon and 17,719 in Jordan, where many of them face a precarious and marginalized existence due to their uncertain legal status and social protection mechanisms.



There are 438,000 Palestine refugees remaining against the 560,000 individuals registered with UNRWA in Syria. Out of



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those, 418,000 individuals rely on humanitarian assistance to survive, representing 95 per cent of the total Palestine refugee population in country.

Into the eighth year of conflict, conditions in Syria remain volatile and marked by continuing and intense armed violence and limited humanitarian access. Amid this unconscionable bloodshed and destruction, Palestine refugees remain particularly vulnerable and have been disproportionately affected by the conflict, due to their proximity to conflict areas inside Syria, high rates of poverty, and the tenuous legal status of those forced to flee to Lebanon and Jordan.

In the meantime, Palestinian woman Seham Namer Shahb, born in 1972, has been locked up in Syrian government prisons for over seven years.

Seham was kidnapped at a checkpoint pitched in AlBareda town in mid-January 2012.

AGPS documented the detention of 1,737 Palestinian refugees in Syrian state dungeons, among them 107 women and dozens of minors.