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New Power Generators Allotted to Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian Refugees

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Five power generators are to be installed in Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian refugees, south of Damascus.

In an interview with Sham FM, Damascus governor said the power network was completely damaged in the eleven-year conflict and efforts have been underway to rehabilitate two power plants at an estimated budget of over 10 billion Syrian pounds each.

The unabated warfare has had disastrous fallouts on Palestinian refugee camps across the Syrian territories. Palestinians who remained in Yarmouk or returned to the camp sometime later have been struggling for survival, in an area where mounds of uncleared rubble continue to block civilians' access to their homes and property.

Before the crisis started in 2011, Yarmouk was a bustling home to almost 30 percent of the Palestine refugee population in Syria. Today, the weight of displacement, hardship and the loss of loved ones add to the difficult living conditions in Yarmouk.

In another development, a transportation crisis has been rocking Khan Eshieh camp for Palestinian refugees, in Rif Dimashq, where workers and students continue to face serious difficulties getting to their workplaces and schools.

The residents said bus drivers do not show up on time and refuse to take the passengers to Damascus on claims of fuel shortage, forcing several of them to board private means of transportation at exorbitant prices. Others have found no other way-out than to walk for dozens of kilometers in order to reach their destinations.

Bus drivers reportedly sell their fuel supplies on the black market.

Living conditions in Khan Eshieh have sharply deteriorated due to the lack of financial resources and high unemployment rates wrought by the raging warfare. A transportation crisis has added bad to worse.

After more than eleven years of conflict, Palestine refugees continue to be one of the most vulnerable groups in Syria with immense humanitarian needs.



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Survival for the majority of Palestinian families in war-stricken Syria has largely hinged on relief assistance. The vast majority of families have been living below the poverty line.

Meanwhile, Palestinian refugee from Syria Shadi AlFar won the first place in the open bodybuilding championship (100kgs) held in Jordan.

Shadi fled Syria's Yarmouk refugee camp in 2012 to AlZahira, in Damascus, before he headed for Jordan, where he had stayed for a couple of years. He then travelled to the UAE and took part in international muscle shows.

In the meantime, residents of Hindarat Camp for Palestinian refugees in Aleppo denounced the theft of solar panels installed just a few months ago across residential alleyways.

11 solar panels donated by Shadi Hadid were installed in the camp under the supervision of the General Authority for Palestinian Arab Refugees (GAPAR) and the Aleppo refugees department.

Palestinian refugees have been grappling with dire conditions in the area due to the lack of humanitarian assistance and life-saving services. The majority of families have been taking shelter in buildings rented at extremely steep costs in the poverty-stricken area. A severe water and power crisis also continues to rock the camp.

Heavy shelling on Handarat and bloody shootouts between the government forces and the opposition outfits led to the destruction of over 90% of buildings in the camp. The confrontations culminated in the government's takeover of the camp along with other zones in Aleppo and the displacement of its residents on April 27, 2013.

According to data by the General Commission of Arab Palestinian Refugees in Syria, some 8,000 Palestinian refugees used to take shelter in Handarat Camp.