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Latest Developments

Displaced Palestinian refugees with special needs, including children, have been gripped with dire conditions in camps and shelters across the Syrian territories.

The situation of dozens of children with disabilities has gone far worse after they lost their parents in the bloody warfare. Others have endured limb amputation owing to the violent onslaughts.

The warfare in Syria, which has now entered its eleventh year, has had traumatic fallouts on Palestinian refugee children in and outside the Syrian territories. Post-traumatic stress disorders, mental psychosis, sleeplessness and nightmares, eating disorders, and intense fear have all been among the symptoms with which Palestinian children have been diagnosed.

AGPS has recorded the death of 252 Palestinian refugee children in war-torn Syria. Hundreds more have gone orphaned after they lost one or both of their parents in the deadly warfare.

UNRWA said it assists more than 2,300 Palestine refugees with disabilities in Syria, who have had their lives marred by the unabated warfare and bloody strife.

Assistance to the most vulnerable Palestinian refugees, including persons with disabilities, is provided by donors like the European Union. The European Commission's civil protection and



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humanitarian aid department (ECHO) has funded assistance to those with disabilities, as well as female-headed households.

AGPS renews its calls to the international community, human rights institutions, UNICEF, UNRWA, and all concerned bodies to work on protecting Palestinian refugee children and people with disabilities in embattled Syria and to provide those who fled the war-torn country with physical and moral protection in the host countries.

Along similar, Palestinian refugees shelter in Nawa city, south of Syria, have been facing serious security concerns.

A few days earlier, the Syrian regime forces struck residential neighborhoods, resulting in deaths and injuries. Local shops and markets have shut their doors following threats of military escalation in the area.

“We’ve been going through nightmarish times”, a Palestinian refugee taking shelter in Nawa told AGPS. “We are prey to homelessness, detention, and displacement”.

Some 350 Palestinian refugees are currently living in Nawa after they were displaced several times from their houses and shelters.

In another development, the Advisory Commission (AdCom) on the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) met on 29-30 November in Amman amidst immense concern over the financial shortfall that the Agency is facing.



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The Commissioner-General of UNRWA, Philippe Lazzarini, engaged participants on the risks associated with the financial crisis that the Agency faces and its impact on its ability to maintain services to Palestine refugees. He urgently called on the Agency's governing body to help him ensure that basic services to Palestine refugees continue in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, Gaza, Syria, Jordan and Lebanon.

“Imagine the immense feeling of abandonment that can come with the disruption of what is probably the only stable lifeline for Palestine refugees,” said the Commissioner-General. “If UNRWA health services are compromised in the middle of a global pandemic, COVID-19 vaccination rollout will come to a halt. Maternal and childcare will stop. Half a million girls and boys will not know if they can continue learning.”

The meeting of the Advisory Commission comes on the heels of the International Conference on UNRWA that took place last month in Brussels and was chaired by Jordan and Sweden. The conference sought to raise urgent funds to bridge the gap in 2021 and to establish a predictable longer term planning scheme for the Agency.

The UNRWA Commissioner-General warned against the impact of chronic underfunding on the quality of critical services such as health, education and social safety net to the most destitute. “Decades of investment in excellent services now risk being reversed. Together, we should not allow a reversal of one of the best investments of the international community in the region.”



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The Commissioner-General reiterated his urgent call for all partners to continue their solidarity with Palestine refugees in a way that is sustainable, predictable and long-term, until there is a political solution that includes them. He and his team particularly focused on empowering young people and help them in their journey towards self-reliance.

The Advisory Commission is tasked with advising and assisting the Commissioner-General of UNRWA in carrying out the Agency's mandate. It meets twice a year, usually in June and November, to discuss issues of importance to UNRWA, striving to reach consensus and provide advice and assistance to the Commissioner-General of UNRWA.

Meanwhile, volunteers have embarked on a campaign to clear debris and wastewater from Al'Awaj River, in Khan Eshieh Camp for Palestinian refugees, in Rif Dimashq.

The volunteers also removed trash from bridges leading to the river over flooding concerns with the advent of winter.

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 ten 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.