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UN Palestinian Refugee Agency Faces Worsening Financial Plight amid Ukraine-Russia Crisis

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Latest Development

The UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) is facing a worsening financial plight amid the crisis between Russia and Ukraine, a senior official said on Sunday.

Media advisor for UNRWA in Gaza Adnan Abu Hasna told Xinhua news agency that some donor countries asked the UN agency "not to expect even half of the donations and grants they provided to UNRWA in 2021," while "others informed they would postpone the date of their donations."

"This coincides with the global rise in food, fuel and transportation costs," he noted.

"UNRWA is making great efforts with many European countries to ensure that the services provided to the agency are not affected, and to emphasize the importance of these services until a solution to the Palestinian refugee issue is found," the UN official added.

The UNRWA, which was established as a humanitarian agency in 1949, is fully funded through voluntary contributions and grants from donor countries.

The agency was mandated to provide assistance and protection for about 5.6 million Palestinian refugees registered in the West Bank, Gaza Strip, and refugee camps in Lebanon, Syria, and Jordan.

In another development, residents of Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian refugees, south of Damascus, have appealed to Palestinian expatriates to help them raise funds in order to reconstruct their destroyed houses and bring life back to normal in the camp.



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The residents said reconstruction of damaged buildings and rehabilitation of vital facilities is a priority.

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 that has been severely affected by the deadly hostilities.

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.

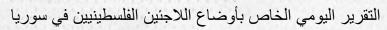
Meanwhile, UNRWA said cash aid will be delivered to Palestinians of Syria (PRS) starting the month of April.

Registered PRS will be receiving a sum of 25 USD and an additional sum of 75 USD (to be delivered just once and covering the months of March and April).

In the meantime, Palestinian refugee Mohamed Majd Shaaban Abdullah won the karate contest and was selected to join the Syrian national team.

Mohamed Majdi, born on April 05, 2005 in Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian refugees, south of Damascus, won the gold medal in individual and collective fighting (18kgs).

Hundreds of displaced Palestinian refugees in/from Syria have achieved success stories, despite the traumatic upshots wrought by





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the daily scenes of bloodshed and destruction across the embattled Syrian territories.

This includes scores of refugee students who have obtained the highest scores at their academic institutions; hundreds of refugee sportsmen/sportswomen who snatched the first places in regional and international competitions; dozens of artists who received renowned literary awards for their products and performances; and several housewives who turned trauma into a space of creativity.