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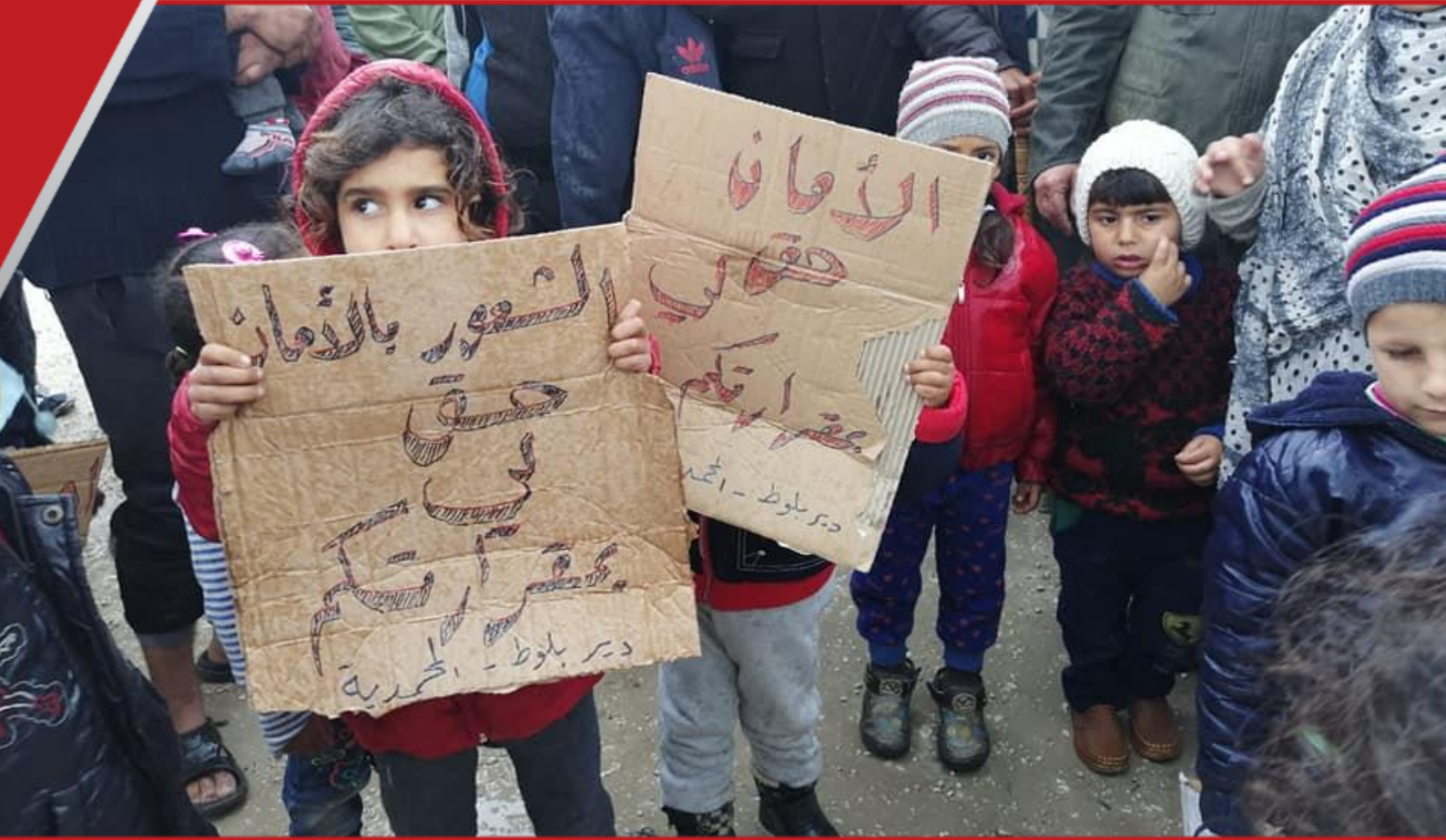
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الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية

Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



**"Displaced Families in Deir Ballout Refugee Camp Call for Safe Return to Palestine"**

- Fires Break Out in Muhammadiya Camp North of Syria
- Palestinians Kidnapped from Hama Allegedly Sent to Syrian Gov't Prisons
- Jaramana Residents Denounce Dearth in Drinking Water
- Afghanistan Contributes \$1 Million to UNRWA
- Palestinian Poet in Syria Mahmoud Mufleh Awarded Honorary PhD

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## Latest Developments

Palestinian families displaced to northern Syria rallied on Monday, March 4, in Deir Ballout Camp, protesting their dire conditions in the poorly-equipped tents.

The displaced refugees called on the concerned institutions to take urgent action so as to assuage their calamitous situation and to secure their safe return to Palestine.



They urged UNRWA to live up to its allotted mission and provide the refugees with much-needed aids and relief items.

Palestinians taking shelter in refugee camps set up north of Syria have been grappling with dire socio-economic conditions in the impoverished region. The absence of humanitarian assistance has made the situation far more alarming.

Along the same line, fires broke out in AlMuhammadiya refugee camp, southwest of Afrin city, north of Syria. A refugee tent was burned down in the incident. Other tents sustained damage.



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In another development, the Network of Palestinian Refugee Camps said the Syrian security forces sent dozens of Palestinian refugees arrested in Hama to Sednaya military prison and to another a jail in Qudsaya.

The so-called 215 Intelligence Branch arrested 58 Palestinians displaced from Yarmouk Camp and who reached Hama after they were smuggled through AlSuweida desert. They were first taken to Palestine Branch. Shortly after, three children aged below 18 were taken to a penal complex in Qudsaya, in Rif Dimashq, while 55 adults were taken to Sednaya military prison.

The refugees were arrested in an ambush set by the government forces in Hama. Their families were reportedly subjected to blackmailing as they appealed for their release.

Meanwhile, residents of Jaramana Camp for Palestinian refugees, in Rif Dimashq, have been grappling with a water blackout which has been ongoing for days.



Residents of Jaramana Camp, located a few kilometers away from central Damascus, continue to set off alarm bells over the lack of



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basic services and dire socio-economic conditions rocking the area as a result of the steep rental fees, high rates of unemployment, the price hike, and poor sanitation.

In the meantime, the government of Afghanistan has contributed \$1 million to the main United Nations agency that supports Palestinian refugees.

In a ceremony in Istanbul on March 3, Abdul Rahim Sayed Jan, Afghanistan's ambassador to Turkey, handed the donation to Pierre Kraehenbuehl, Commissioner-General of the UN Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA).

Turkey's foreign minister, Mevlut Cavusoglu, praised Kabul for the donation and said that despite the hardships suffered by the Afghan people, their country has shown "the most beautiful example of international brotherhood with its noble act."



The United States in August 2018 announced it will cut all funding for the UN agency.



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The State Department at the time said the U.S. administration “has carefully reviewed the issue and determined that the United States will not make additional contributions to UNRWA.”

Meanwhile, Palestinian author Mahmoud Husain Mufleh received an honorary PhD in poetry from the International Academy of Arts and Media in Egypt.

Mufleh hailed the move and expressed his deep pride of the honorary degree, which he said is a sign of the readership’s admiration for his art and poetry.

The poet said he received the degree after the academy tasked Egyptian journalist Hanan AlShami with nominating an Arab poet living in Egypt for the honorary title. Mufleh will serve as a jury in poetry contests to be held in Egypt.

The poet voiced his deep-seated sadness of the displacement and dislocation Palestinian refugees have been enduring across the Syrian territories and overseas. “We’re living a new Nakba (catastrophe) as our homes in Yarmouk Camp are destroyed daily”, he said.

“We’ve been severely affected by the New Nakba. We’re now like a bird sparrow dispersed by a bullet fired by the hunter. We’re scattered here and there and everywhere”, added Mufleh. “Some of us fled to the country of snow and fog, others drowned at sea and were swallowed up by fish. Scores of others were sent to jail but have never come out of it. A heavy blow has been dealt to us.... But we should remain steadfast until the sun rises again.”