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The situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria

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Latest Developments

At least one student died and nine others were injured after a minibus transferring schoolchildren broke down in AlKhayateen Street, in Qudsaya town, in Rif Dimashq.

24 students from Ras AlEin and AlKawkab schools, run by UNRWA, were onboard the worn-out bus.

The families held the Syrian Education Ministry responsible for the accident, saying the Ministry exerted pressure on UNRWA to evacuate nearby schools, forcing students to risk their lives onboard private transportation vehicles that lack maintenance to get access to other schools.

Meanwhile, the psychological effects of the prolonged Syrian conflict have been devastating, especially for vulnerable Palestine refugee children.

The twelve-year conflict in Syria has left its mark on the entire country, but Palestine refugee children, already one of the most vulnerable groups in society before the conflict, have been amongst the worst affected.

Many Palestine refugee children have lost their homes and in some cases a family member as well. Many have experienced displacement, trauma, intense fear and disruption to their normal lives.

Child labour and child marriage have substantially increased since the conflict began.

Speaking with AGPS, a number of Palestinian refugee children said they have been deprived of childhood joy as they can neither buy snacks at school nor ice-cream from local shops. In the best of cases, a Palestinian child in Syria receives a pocket money of no more than 500 Syrian Pounds in a country where a small chips box costs over 1,000 pounds and a sandwich at school costs more than 1,200

Displaced Palestinian families north of Syria also continue to sound the alarm over their children's alack of access to education as a result of protracted displacement.



Private schools established in the area are made up of poorly equipped tents that are not fit to study in and risk to fall into pieces in the winter season. Neither professional training staff nor proper furniture are available.

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

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.

Along similar lines, Palestinian refugees from Syria (PRS) sheltered in displacement camps outside of UNRWA fields of operations are still deprived of their basic rights and enduring precarious legal and humanitarian conditions.

Nearly 12,000 Palestinian refugees in Turkey and 3,500 in Egypt have failed to obtain UNRWA protection cards over claims that they fall outside of the Agency's operations map.

Similarly, some 50 PRS families who fled the war-torn country to Thailand continue to sound alarm bells over the deteriorating humanitarian condition endured in the kingdom. The refugees risk to be forcibly sent back to Syria or tossed into Thai detention centers for indefinite periods of time. The government also prohibited renting homes to the refugees, who have been considered as lawbreakers rather than asylum-seekers.

AGPS calls on UNRWA and host countries to provide Palestinian refugees outside of UNRWA fields of operations with physical, legal, and moral protection. Hundreds of displaced families continue to live in a state of perpetual fear and deep-seated trauma over detention and/or refoulement concerns.



In the meantime, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) in Syria announced that it will distribute one-time emergency cash assistance to the Palestinian families of persons with disabilities.

"This assistance comes within the framework of the Winter Assistance Project funded by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) of the United Nations, to support a specific group of the neediest people, in coordination with the General Authority for Palestinian Arab Refugees," the Agency said in a statement.

"The distribution process will start from 11 to 18 December, where each family with one or more people with disabilities will receive an amount of 321,000 Syrian pounds (\$56), for one time only" it added.

UNRWA noted that "messages will be sent to the beneficiary families, including details of the place and date of receipt," calling on the beneficiaries to "monitor their mobile phones, and to always be in coverage mode in order to receive messages."

In its statement, the Agency confirmed that it is "still looking for other funding sources to cover the rest of the neediest families."

The United Nations estimates that some 440,000 Palestinian refugees live in Syria, about 91 per cent of them live in extreme poverty, with less than two US dollars per person, per day, while 40 per cent of them had been forced to flee their homes due to the ongoing war.