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"AGPS Calls on UNRWA to Rally Round Palestinians of Syria"



- Khan Al-Sheih residents sound distress signals over dire living conditions
- Palestinian refugee Ali Mohamed Hamouda held in Syrian government jails for over 3 years
- UNRWA in Lebanon announces launch of winter assistance program to Palestinians of Syria
- Ahl Al-Khayr charity hands out food parcels to Khan Al-Sheih residents

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On the 67th anniversary of UNRWA founding and in light of the simmering violence, deadly hostilities, human rights violations endured by the Palestinians of Syria, AGPS calls on UNRWA to take urgent action.

AGPS is deeply concerned over the serious repercussions of the security mayhem rocking Palestinian refugee camps in Syria. At least 3,400 Palestinian refugees died of war-related incidents in embattled Syria while dozens of others have been subjected to forced displacement.

AGPS urges UNRWA, as an eye-witness to the plight endured by the Palestinians of Syria and as an internationally-recognized NGO, to lend a hand to the displaced refugees until they return to their homes.

We, AGPS staff members, appeal to UNRWA to keep up its cash and food aids to the displaced Palestinian refugees who fled from war-torn Syria to such neighboring territories as Lebanon, Jordan, and Gaza.

UNRWA should also work on enhancing the quality and quantity of distributed food and backtrack on its decision to cut relief services for the refugees.

UNRWA is also required to provide the Palestinians of Syria with physical and legal protection and to urgently work on creating job opportunities.

We further call on the agency to expand its fields of operations and try to reach out to such countries as Egypt and Turkey, among others, in coordination with the UN High Commissioner for Refugees.



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Latest Developments

AGPS on-the-spot reporter warned of the exacerbating living conditions endured by Palestinian refugees in Khan Al-Sheih Camp, in western Rural Damascus, due to the unremitting onslaughts and the tough blockade imposed by the government forces on the main access roads out of and into the area.

Refugees have not only run out of urgently-needed items and bereaved of most humanitarian services; they have also been grappling with chronic power and water outages.



Activists appealed for supplying the camp with fuel and firewood, among other needed items, with the advent of a wintry weather.

A deal recently struck between the government forces and the opposition outfits led to the deportation of over 2,000 civilians from Khan Al-Sheih Camp, initially housing about 12,000 refugees, including 3,000 children.



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In another development, Palestinian refugee Ali Mohamed Hamouda has been locked up in Syrian government prisons for over three years.

Ali, a native of the occupied Palestinian city of Haifa, was kidnapped on March 1, 2013, on his way out from Al-Shaghour area to Jaramana in Damascus.



According to AGPS data, 1,133 Palestinians have been incarcerated in Syrian lock-ups, including 80 female refugees who have had mysterious fates.

Meanwhile, UNRWA announced the launch of its winter assistance program for Palestinian refugees in Lebanon so as to enable them to make it through the winter season.

According to UNRWA, the program aims to secure the refugees' food and shelter expenses.

UNRWA said the winter aids will be distributed as of December 13 and that it will shell out \$588 for those living in areas higher than 500 meters



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above sea level on four installments worth \$147 each. Those sheltered in areas lower than 500 meters above sea will receive \$400 on four installments.

The agency said money withdrawal should compulsorily be carried out within a period of six months starting December 13.

UNRWA's winter assistance program is funded by the UK's Department for International Development (DFID), along with France and the U.S.

Civil Action Committees

Ahl Al-Khayr charity group on Wednesday distributed 2,000 food parcels to the Palestinian families who have remained in Khan Al-Sheih Camp, blockaded by the regime battalions for over 70 days running.

Earlier, Ahl Al-Khayr campaigners delivered 1,000 food parcels to the displaced residents of Yarmouk Camp.





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Palestinians of Syria: December 08, 2016 Statistics:

- There are 15,500 Palestinian-Syrian refugees in Jordan.
- 42,500 Palestinian-Syrian refugees are in Lebanon.
- 6,000 Palestinian-Syrian refugees are sheltered in Egypt, according to UNRWA figures covering the period from July 2015 backwards.
- 8,000 Palestinian-Syrian refugees are taking shelter in Turkey.
- 1,000 Palestinian-Syrian refugees reside in the blockaded Gaza Strip.
- Over 79,000 Palestinian Syrian refugees fled to Europe until mid 2016.
- Yarmouk refugee camp has been blockaded by the Syrian regime army and Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine General Command (PFLP-GC) for 1,269 days in a row. Electricity and water supplies have been cut off, respectively, for 1,328 days and 789 days. The number of those killed due to the blockade has hit 191.
- Sbiena refugee camp: Refugees could not go back to their homes as a result of the blockade slapped by the Syrian regime forces since 1,122 days running.
- Handarat refugee camp: All refugees left the camp since 1,314 days after opposition outfits grabbed hold of the area.
- Deraa refugee camp: Water has been cut off for 972 consecutive days while 70% of its buildings have been knocked down.
- Homs camp, Hama camp, Jaramana camp, al-Sayda Zeinab camp, Al-Raml camp: A of State of relative calm has been reported in the abovementioned areas. However, economic crises have been on the rise.