

التقرير اليومى الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية The situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria

AGPS Celebrates 10th Founding Anniversary

- Number of Displaced Palestinian Children Taking Up Smoking in Syria Goes Up
- Displaced Palestinian Families in Syria Deprived of Fuel
- Palestinian Red Crescent Celebrates 54th Founding Anniversary



Latest Developments

The Action Group for Palestinians of Syria (AGPS) celebrates 10 years of commitment, professionalism, and perseverance.

We are a London-based human rights watchdog that monitors the situation of Palestinian refugees in war-torn Syria, registered in the UK under number: 09159238 and named as: Action League for Palestinians of Syria.

AGPS saw the day in October 2012, following a workshop held to discuss the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria.

AGPS material is purely fact-based and rooted in real data compiled by a team of professional journalists, on-the-spot reporters, news correspondents, veterans, and local activists.

We are dedicated to bringing the news of the Palestinians of Syria and the human rights violations perpetrated against them to a wide audience without bias or a political agenda.

As warfare drags on in war-torn Syria, AGPS staff members have taken it upon their shoulders to keep a moment-by-moment record of latest developments in Palestinian refugee camps in Syria.

Speaking the truth, propagating the truth, and documenting the truth are, therefore, the key guiding lines for our mission.

In seeking to fulfill this goal, AGPS team does its best to uphold the finest standards of historiographic ethics and maintain honesty in sourcing.

Believing in the fact that truth speaks for itself, we expose facts and ideology-free statistical dataset on Palestinian refugees in Syria without manipulation.

In seeking to give a voice to the voiceless Palestinians of Syria, AGPS wishes to transmit the refugees' voice to the world and to speak up for their infringed rights.

To that very end, live snapshots, footages, and sworn affidavits are taken directly from the fighting scene across a myriad of flashpoints so as to authenticate AGPS role as a human rights overseer.



We are reshaping global media on human rights documentation and relentlessly working to boost our status as one of the world's most revered and most consulted human rights observatories.

Our strength is a team of highly experienced field correspondents, journalists, and activists scattered all over the world. We draw our force from a group of dedicated individuals who believe in what we do and do it with enthusiasm and honesty.

Meanwhile, scores of Palestinian children have been spotted taking up cigarettes and hookah in displacement camps across war-torn Syria as a means to escape the scenes of violence, bloodshed, and dislocation.

Many Palestinian children have dropped out of school as a result of the violent warfare. In live photos circulated on social media networks, Palestinian children appear to be sitting in cafés and streets while taking up cigarettes and hookah.

The bloody warfare in Syria has had traumatic fallouts on Palestinian refugee children in and outside the Syrian territories.

Post-traumatic stress disorders, mental psychosis, sleeplessness, nightmares, eating disorders, and intense fear have all been among the symptoms with which Palestinian children have been diagnosed after they lost their homes, have had their parents killed in the war, underwent limb amputation, and witnessed daily scenes of death and destruction.

AGPS calls on all international institutions and NGOs, namely UNICEF and UNRWA, to take serious measures in order to provide Palestinian children with the physical and moral protection quite urgently needed at such turbulent times.

Palestinian children from Syria who fled with their parents to neighboring countries have also faced severe psychological breakdowns owing to the perpetual state of dislodgement, dispossession, and homelessness they have been facing.

In another development, Palestinian refugees denounced delays in subsidized-fuel distribution by the Syrian government.

Civilians said they need fuel with the advent of cold weather.



Displaced Palestinian families sheltered in displacement camps across the war-torn country expressed fear that they won't be able to cook their food or keep the cold out of their homes due to exorbitant prices of fuel, as a freezing winter season has unlocked its gates.

The refugees have launched into a tirade against the malpractices of Syria's burgeoning black oil market, fuel shortages, and—most of all—the exorbitant prices of wood and fuel charged by corrupt officials and traders.

The price of a liter of subsidized fuel is estimated at 2,500 Syrian pounds, while it is sold at up to 18,000 on the black market.

At the same time, desperate for warmth, displaced Palestinian and Syrian families taking refuge in under-equipped camps and substandard facilities have been burning their clothes and plastic materials to stave off winter cold after they failed to afford firewood and fuel supplies.

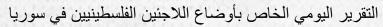
This has resulted in heavy smokes engulfing camps from all corners and engendering civilians', particularly children's, health condition. Scores of children have sustained costochondritis (chest inflammation) and bronchitis due to heavy smoke inhalation.

In the meantime, the Palestinian Red Crescent Society celebrated its 54th founding anniversary at the Opera House in Damascus.

Palestinian Ambassador, Samir Al-Rifai, and head of of the Palestinian Red Crescent Society, Younes Al-Khatib, were in attendance.

The Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS), officially founded in December 1968, is a national humanitarian organization. Since its establishment, it caters to the health and welfare of the Palestinian people and others in need in the OPT and the Diaspora. It has 4,200 employees in oPt (West Bank and Gaza Strip), Lebanon, Syria, Egypt and Iraq in addition to its volunteer network of more than 20,000 people.

PRCS strives to ease human suffering through its Emergency Medical Services (EMS), preventive and curative health care services, rehabilitation, volunteer activities, and programs promoting social and cultural development, with a focus on the





most vulnerable members of the society. PRCS also focuses on the dissemination of the humanitarian values, the fundamental principles of the International Movement of the Red Cross and Red Crescent, in addition to International Humanitarian Law.