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## الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية

Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"Health Condition of Palestinian Refugees in I'Zaz Camp Worsened by Rat Bites"

- Festival Held in Yarmouk Camp Stirs Wrath of Activists, Displaced Families
- Abdul Majid Launches Calls for Securing Families' Return to Yarmouk Camp
- UNRWA to Hand Over Cash Aids to Refugee Families in Handarat, AlNeirab
- Palestinian Families from Syria in Ein Hilweh Camp Receive Cash Aids
- Palestinians from Syria in AlBadawi Camp to Undergo Lip, Throat Surgeries



## **Latest Developments**

Palestinian families taking refuge in I'zaz Camp, north of Syria, have spoken up against the dramatic spread of rodents, particularly rats, in the area.

The refugees said that they got bitten by rats all over their vulnerable bodies and that deep scars figure on their limbs.



Activist Ammar al-Qudusi, also member of the Association of Displaced Palestinians, said a child was bitten by a rat in his lower lip, adding that at least 13 more persons, among them a two-month toddler, suffered rat bites.

He slammed local authorities for their apathy regarding the issue, saying the use of arsenic poisoning by the camp administration to kill rats has gone fruitless.

The residents raised concerns over the safety of their children owing to the propagation of lethal infections and fever, among other illnesses caused by rat bites.



The refugees urged all concerned authorities to immediately step in so as to rein in the propagation of rodents in their poorly-equipped tents and secure life-saving medicines and health care services.

In another development, Palestinian activists strongly denounced a festival held by the Popular Front – General Command on Friday in the Arab-Palestinian Club in Yarmouk to pay tribute to families of Palestinians who have been killed or wounded while fighting alongside the Syrian government forces during the eight-year warfare.



The activists said the festival comes at a time when over 1,700 Palestinians are enduring mysterious fates in Syrian state jails, including children, women, and elderly refugees.

They added that dozens of displaced families have been banned from returning to their homes in such refugee camps as Yarmouk and Daraa, where scores of Palestinians were also killed.

The activists urged the Palestine Liberation Organization and Palestinian factions to make serious efforts and rally around the



Palestinians refugees who have been torn away from the nourishment of home and family.

Secretary of the Coalition of Palestinian Resistance Forces, Khaled Abdul Majeed, has also called on the concerned authorities to smooth the return of Yarmouk residents to their homes.

Abdul Majeed spoke out against the delay and reluctance maintained as regards the refugees' appeals for return, urging local authorities in Damascus to press ahead with reconstruction in order to allow the displaced families to return to their homes.

Meanwhile, UNRWA announced the date for the delivery of cash aids to Palestinian families sheltered in AlNeirab and Handarat refugee camps in Aleppo.

The families received text messages informing them about the distribution date and the required documents.

In the meantime, the Wafaa European Campaign handed over cash aids to a number of Palestinian families from Syria sheltered in Ein AlHilweh Camp in the southern Lebanese city of Sidon.





Representatives of the campaign paid a visit to AlBahaa and AlKifah communities to keep tabs on the dire conditions endured by the displaced families.

At the same time, the Palestinian Red Crescent in Lebanon, in partnership with the Palestine Children's Relief Fund, announced the arrival of a group of surgeons specialized in cleft lip repair and throat surgery.

Registered patients—children aged between one year and 16 years—will undergo surgeries as of February 16 until February 23. Diagnoses will be carried out at Safad Hospital in AlBadawi Camp, in Tripoli, north of Lebanon.