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## الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية

Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"Academics Push for End to Conspiracies against Yarmouk Camp"

- Palestinian Teacher Succumbs to Coronavirus in Damascus
- Displaced Palestinian Refugees Struggling for Survival in Idlib's AlJazira Camp
- Emergency Cash Grants Delivered to Palestinian Refugees from Syria in Jordan



## **Latest developments**

A group of Palestinian academics, journalists, and activists issued a joint statement condemning the new organizational plan issued by Damascus Governorate a few weeks ago to rehabilitate Yarmouk Camp.

The statement said the new organizational plan makes part of a "suspicious" agenda aiming to blur the historical significance of the camp for the Palestinian refugee community.

The statement added that over the past ten years Yarmouk Camp has been subjected to a preplanned and systematic deprivation tactic aiming to further displace the Palestinian refugee population. As a result, the residents have been made to endure starvation, the blockade, destruction, and homelessness.

It said the new plan will turn the camp into a small neighborhood in Damascus and blur 50% of its geo-historical identity determined by the 2004 chart.

The signatories urged all concerned institutions and authorities to stop all attempts to wipe out Yarmouk and all other Palestinian camps in Syria pending a just solution to the refugee plight.

In another development, physics professor Sa'id Salah Hadid has died of coronavirus after he was denied admission into Turkish hospitals.

A relative of Sa'id said the latter went to a Turkish hospital after coronavirus symptoms figured on his body. Medics refused to let



him in, saying his health condition was stable. He was pronounced dead shortly after he quarantine himself at home.

Sa'id, a resident of Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian refugees, was a prominent physics teacher in Damascus.

Meanwhile, some 30 Palestinian families displaced from Yarmouk Camp, AlTadhamun neighborhood, and AlGhouta, in Damascus, continue to sound distress signals over the dire humanitarian situation they have been enduring in AlJazeera Camp, in Atama, in Idlib, near the Turkish borders.

The situation has been characterized by an acute dearth in financial resources, relief aid, and vital services. The residents said no initiatives have been launched by the Palestinian Authority and UNRWA, among other concerned institutions, to assuage the crisis.

The displaced families lashed out at URNWA over its apathy regarding their appeals for much-needed financial and in-kind aid, saying they have been unrecognized by the UN agency despite the fact they own a white registration card.

The families called on the international community to pressurize UNRWA to live up to its mandate and work on providing the refugees' with the legal, moral, and physical protection which they are quite urgently in need of.

Along similar lines, UNRWA has transferred urgent aid allowances to Palestinian refugees from Syria in Jordan.



Every registered refugee received a sum of 70 Jordanian dinars.

In text messages sent to the refugees, the Agency said the sum makes part of underway initiatives to help vulnerable people overcome the economic hardship inflicted by the coronavirus crisis. The sum should be withdrawn by July 25, 2020.

Palestinian refugees from Syria in Jordan continue to express concerns over their deteriorating condition particularly in light of the new movement clampdown imposed across Jordanian cities as part of anti-coronavirus measures.

A large number of companies, factories, and shops shut their doors for fear of further COVID-19 contaminations. Several Palestinian families have lost their sole sources of income as a result.

A Comprehensive Food Security and Vulnerability Assessment conducted by WFP in 2018 indicated that the majority (67 per cent) of PRS were food-insecure or vulnerable to food insecurity. Twelve per cent of PRS female headed households were found to be food insecure compared to seven per cent of male-headed households. Food insecurity was even higher (78 per cent) in PRS households where the head of household was reported to be completely illiterate. Eighty-six per cent of surveyed PRS households were also reported to be in debt.