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Latest Developments

Residents of Handarat Camp for Palestinian refugees, in Aleppo, continue to voice deep concerns over their children's safety due to the spread of unexploded war remnants across and around the camp.

Hundreds of the internationally-prohibited cluster grenades have been detected in Handarat Camp due to the heavy onslaughts launched by the Syrian and Russian fighter jets on the area.

Scores of Palestinian refugees were killed in offensives launched on refugee camps across war-torn Syria using such internationally-prohibited weapons such as phosphorous-filled bombs and cluster grenades.

Available data from the International Committee of the Red Cross indicates that each year, large numbers of civilians are killed and injured by explosive remnants of war, such as artillery shells, mortars, grenades, bombs and rockets, left behind after an armed conflict.

For the civilians and communities in war-affected Syria, the presence of these weapons represents an ongoing threat. Many innocent civilians, including Palestinian refugees, have lost their lives and limbs by disturbing or inadvertently coming into contact with explosive remnants of war. These weapons have also hindered reconstruction and threatened economic livelihood. Houses, hospitals and schools cannot be rebuilt until such weapons are cleared.



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Local communities often have no means of dealing with the problem themselves. Most do not have the technical capacity or the resources to clear explosive remnants of war safely and few have the resources needed to deal with the psychological, medical and rehabilitative needs of victims.

In another development, more than 16,000 Palestine refugee children aged between six months and five years were immunized in UNRWA health centers across the country.

With the protracted crisis in Syria, vaccination programs are essential to ensure that children remain healthy and resilient.

The spread of infectious diseases has increased among Palestine refugees in Syria. The conflict and sustained drought-like conditions have led to widespread displacement and a shortage of reliable clean water supplies, which have resulted in overcrowded and unsanitary living conditions and poor sanitation practices. UNRWA remains committed to providing a robust and comprehensive immunization program throughout Syria.

Meanwhile, the Association of Displaced Palestinians from Syria in Lebanon have called on UNRWA to increase cash aids for Palestinian refugees fleeing war-torn Syria, in light of the deteriorating economic situation in the country and the dramatic drop in the exchange rate of the Lebanese currency.

In a letter to director of UNRWA operations in Syria, Claudio Cordone, the Association said PRS in Lebanon are food insecure and unable to secure their basic needs.



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According to UNRWA data, until February 2020, there are 28,000 PRS in Lebanon, making nearly 7,000 families.

PRS in Lebanon continue to face high vulnerability and marginalization, making them heavily reliant on UNRWA humanitarian support to cover their basic needs.

Almost 90 per cent of PRS in Lebanon are under the poverty line and 95 per cent are food insecure, according to a 2015 survey by UNRWA.

In the meantime, Palestinian refugee Mirvat Kablawi, from AlHusainiya Camp for Palestinian refugees, in Rif Dimashq, has been locked up in Syrian state jails for the fourth consecutive year.

Mirvat was arrested at a government-run checkpoint in AlHusainiya Camp on September 6, 2015. Her fate has been shrouded in mystery.

AGPS documented the imprisonment of 1,797 Palestinian detainees, among them 110 women and girls.