

الخاص بأوضاع اللجئين الفلسطينيينفي سورية The situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria

**Palestinian Families Appeal for Information over Missing Relatives** 

- Families Continue to Return to Yarmouk Refugee Camp
- Palestinians of Syria Denounce Mistreatment by BEMO Bank Staff
- **UNRWA** to Distribute School Furniture to Palestine Refugee Students



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## **Latest Developments**

Palestinian families from Syria have launched appeals for information about the condition of their relatives who have recently disappeared on the migration route between Turley and Greece.

Speaking with AGPS, a family said a group of youth disappeared on August 19. Unverified sources claimed they are detained in a Turkish custody in Mugla province while others said they have been trapped on a Greek island.

A few days earlier, AGPS confirmed in a report that 208 irregular migrants, including Palestinian refugees, were detained off Izmir. Their families expressed concern over their potential deportation to Syria.

In another development, another batch of displaced families have returned to Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian refugees to retrieve their abandoned houses and property which sustained heavy material damage in the conflict.

A number of families managed to reconstruct their houses while others have been unable to cope with the increasing prices of construction materials.

The unabated warfare has had disastrous fallouts on Palestinian refugee camps across the Syrian territories. Palestinians who remained in Yarmouk or returned to the camp sometime later have been struggling for survival, in an area where mounds of uncleared rubble continue to block civilians' access to their homes and property.

Before the crisis started in 2011, Yarmouk was a bustling home to almost 30 percent of the Palestine refugee population in Syria. Today, the weight of displacement, hardship and the loss of loved ones add to the difficult living conditions in Yarmouk.

Palestinian refugees in Damascus have railed against the mistreatment they have faced by Bemo Bank staff.

Refugees who received transaction codes of their cash grants provided by the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine



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Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) said they been humiliated by the bank employers who have denied them entry into the facility, forcing them to stay in the scorching summer heat for hours.

The refugees called on UNRWA to reach out to the bank administration and pressurize it to take urgent measures in response to their complaints.

After more than 11 years of conflict, Palestine refugees continue to be one of the most vulnerable groups in Syria with immense humanitarian needs.

In the meantime, UNRWA pledged to distribute school furniture to all registered Palestine schoolchildren and students in Syria.

As the new academic year has stepped in, Palestinian refugee schoolchildren and students continue to struggle with the devastating impact of the eleven-year warfare across the Syrian territories.

Available data by UNRWA indicates that 32 UNRWA facilities have been reduced to rubble in Yarmouk Camp alone, including 16 schools, in the Syrian conflict.

Several other UNRWA facilities were destroyed in the Syrian warfare and others have gone out of operation, including two clinics, a vocational training center, a youth development center, and 28 schools, out of 112 UNRWA schools in Syria.

Upon more than one occasion, the UN has raised alarm bells over the striking upsurge in the rate of school dropouts among the Palestinians of Syria, several among whom have left schools to help feeding their impoverished families in unemployment-stricken refugee camps.

Dozens of Palestinian students, schoolchildren, and teaching staff have been killed or forcibly disappeared in war-ravaged Syria.