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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"Palestinian Refugee Assassinated South of Syria"

- UNRWA and UNICEF Renew Agreement to Further Support Palestine Refugee Children
- Residents of AlSabina Appeal for Rehabilitation of Vital Services
- 40 Asylum Seekers Rescued off Izmir Coast



Latest Developments

Three young men, including a Palestinian refugee, were assassinated by anonymous gunmen near AlRay area, between AlMuzeireeb and AlYadouda towns, west of Deraa, in southern Syria.

The victims were fatally shot in the head. They are Mohamed Ahmad Khalil (a former opposition affiliate), Hudhaifa Hasan AlMandhouri, and Mohamed Yousef AlHusain, from AlMuzeireeb's Palestinian refugee community.

Over recent years, dozens of assassination operations have targeted Palestinian refugees sheltered south of Syria.

In another development, UNRWA and UNICEF renewed on Monday an agreement to extend support to Palestine refugee children, adolescents, and women in the State of Palestine, Jordan, Lebanon and Syria.

In a statement, UNRWA said the agencies will primarily cooperate in the fields of child and social protection, education, health, advocacy and emergency preparedness.

"Joining efforts this way will greatly improve and increase the kind of support and advocacy that Palestine refugees get," said Leni Stenseth, UNRWA Deputy Commissioner-General. "As an Agency that knows first-hand the trauma that refugee children can face, UNRWA strongly believes that a combination of protection, health,



education and advocacy can mitigate the impact of conflicts and violence on children and contribute to their wellbeing."

Building on the long-standing cooperation on evidence generation for children, the agencies will conduct studies, situation analysis of women and children, research and promote social change through addressing harmful social and gender norms and practices. The cooperation enhances humanitarian coordination including in time of crisis, increasing capacity to analyse risks and increase preparedness to mitigate crises.

"We are delighted to renew our commitment to help Palestine refugees through this agreement. UNICEF and UNRWA have been cooperating for decades. With this agreement we will continue advancing child-sensitive programmes, providing technical assistance, increase support for digital learning, delivery of COVID-19 vaccines and raising awareness on vaccines safety and joint advocacy on children's rights" said Ted Chaiban, UNICEF Regional Director for the Middle East and North Africa.

Meanwhile, the municipality of the Husainiya Camp for Palestinian refugees, in Rif Dimashq, has started works to rehabilitate the sanitation network, which has been affected by the precarious weather conditions during winter.

Municipality staff have also carried out maintenance works to repair the power network.

Residents of the nearby AlSabina refugee camp, in Rif Dimashq, also met with Rif Dimashq's governor to speak out against the poor



infrastructure, power crisis, and absence of vital services in the area.

The governor pledged to make serious efforts in order to enhance civilians' access to basic services and rehabilitate infrastructure at the earliest possible time.

In the meantime, Turkish Coast Guard units rescued at least 43 irregular migrants pushed back by Greece in two separate incidents off Turkey's western and southwestern coasts last Wednesday.

In the Dikili district of Izmir province, the coast guard rescued 38 irregular migrants on a rubber dinghy who were pushed by Greek forces in the Aegean Sea, the Coast Guard Command said in a statement.

Separately, five others were pushed back by Greece into Turkish waters were rescued off the district of Datça in Muğla province.

According to Turkish sources, Greece pushed some 889 boats carrying irregular migrants back into Turkish territorial waters in 2021 while 25,668 migrants were rescued by the Turkish Coast Guard Command units.

International organizations have repeatedly condemned Greece's illegal practice of pushing back asylum-seekers, saying it violates humanitarian values and international law by endangering the lives of vulnerable migrants, including women and children.



In recent years, hundreds of thousands of Syrian and Palestinian asylum seekers have made short but perilous journeys across the Aegean in a bid to reach northern and western Europe in search of a better life. Hundreds of migrants have died at sea as a number of boats carrying refugees sank or capsized.

Pushbacks are considered contrary to international refugee protection agreements, which dictate that people should not be expelled or returned to a country where their life and safety might be in danger due to their race, religion, nationality or membership in a social or political group.