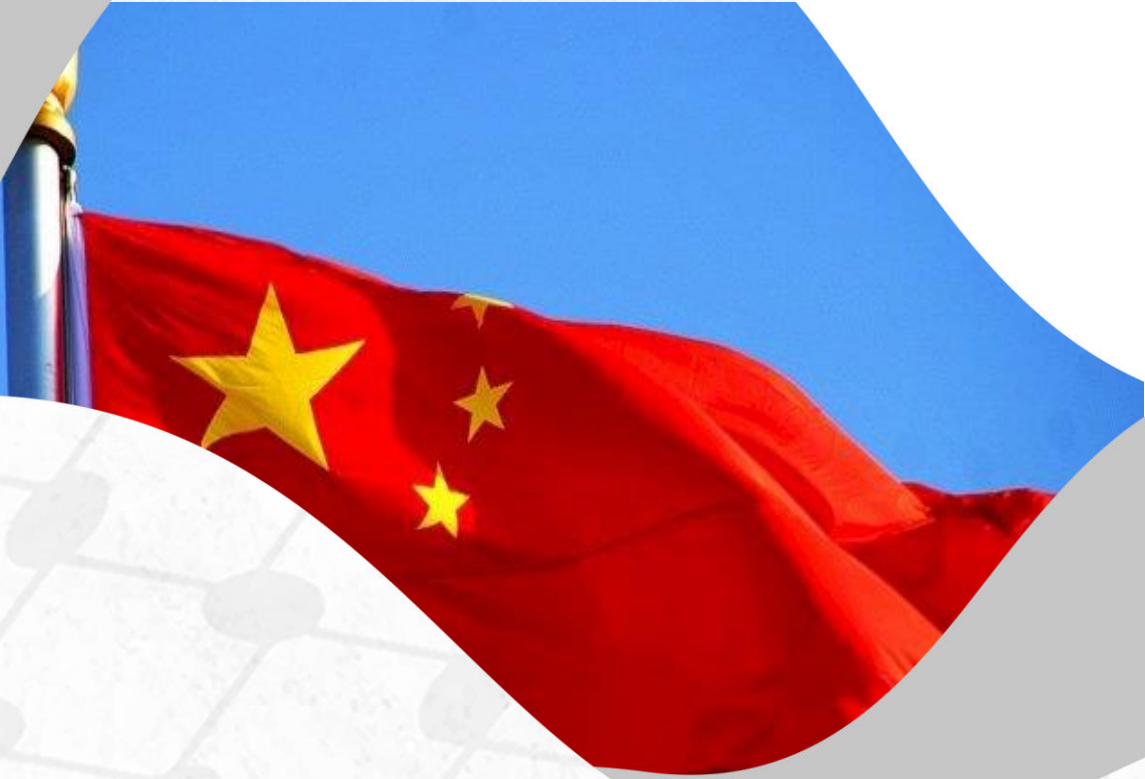


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Latest Developments

The Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) is expected to carry out reconstruction works at Assad Ibn AlFurat School, in Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian refugees, south of Damascus.

The residents have slammed UNRWA for turning its back on their appeals for urgent reconstruction works in order to facilitate civilians' return to the camp.

Available data by UNRWA indicates that 32 UNRWA facilities have been reduced to rubble in Yarmouk Camp alone, including 16 schools and seven health centres, since the outbreak of the Syrian conflict.

Meanwhile, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) received a contribution of US\$ 1 million from the Government of the People's Republic of China (PRC) towards supporting food assistance in Gaza. This generous contribution will provide much needed assistance to the Agency's 2021 UNRWA Emergency Appeal for the occupied Palestinian territory (oPt). In Gaza, around 70 per cent of the population are vulnerable refugees, who are highly reliant on UNRWA provision of a critical humanitarian lifeline.

The continued blockade, the persisting challenges of COVID-19 and the latest round of escalation of hostilities in May have further undermined food security of the majority of the Palestine refugee households, eroded their coping mechanisms and aggravated their living conditions.

This contribution allows UNRWA to provide emergency food sufficient for one quarter to approximately 50,000 food-insecure Palestine refugees.

UNRWA Acting Director of External Relations, Tamara Alrifai, expressed her sincere appreciation to the Government of China for its support to the Agency: "Ensuring adequate funding for this key emergency intervention is a priority in all discussions between UNRWA and UN member-states. We are extremely grateful for this renewed generous contribution from China. This support is the



confirmation of China's commitment to the vital and life-saving food assistance provided by the Agency to over one million Palestine refugees in Gaza.”

Reiterating their commitment to supporting UNRWA and Palestine refugees, Head of the Office of the People's Republic of China to the State of Palestine, Ambassador Guo Wei, shared: “China appreciated continuous provision by UNRWA of important assistance and services to Palestine refugees in the Middle East for a long time. Since the latest escalation of violence in Gaza, UNRWA has made every effort to ease the humanitarian crisis in the oPt, which has won wide praise. China has always attached importance to the cooperation with UNRWA and has actively responded to the Agency's emergency humanitarian appeals. China will, as always, support the work of UNRWA and continue to provide practical assistance to Palestine refugees.”

This year, China also contributes 200,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccines to the Agency's five fields of operation in Gaza, the West Bank (including East Jerusalem), Jordan, Lebanon and Syria to complement the host countries' national vaccination programmes by covering the needs of Palestine refugees along with the national priority populations.

In another development, power has been cut off in AlRaml Camp for Palestinian refugees, in Latakia, following the rainstorm that hit the area.

Power has also been cut off in AlMukhtar neighborhood for over five days after the power generator has gone out of operation.

On June 25, a heavy storm rocked AlRaml Camp, resulting in serious material damage.

In the meantime, activists have called upon residents of Jaramana Camp for Palestinian refugees, in Rif Dimashq, to take anti-coronavirus vaccine doses in order to help curtail the virus propagation in the camp.

The calls were launched following a recent decision by the Syrian Health Ministry to embark on widespread vaccination campaigns.

Vaccines will be provided in Jaramana Camp starting Wednesday, June 29.



Confirmed coronavirus cases have been increasingly reported in Palestinian refugee camps in Syria, at a time when residents have been launching cries for help over the absence of hygiene kit and medicines. In Jaramana Camp alone, over 40 people have succumbed to the disease.

A few months earlier, AGPS warned of an unabated outbreak of COVID-19 in Palestinian refugee camps in Syria. Limited access to running water, pharmacies and medical facilities mean displacement camps are more susceptible to the spread of the highly infectious virus.

Displacement camps set up in northern Syria are especially vulnerable as most hospitals and medical facilities have been bombed, rendering them out of order.