

التقرير اليومي الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية

Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria

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"UNRWA Launches Regional Crisis Emergency
Appeal to Support Palestinian Refugees Affected by
Debilitating Syrian Warfare"



- Palestinian woman Ibtissam Abdullah locked up in Syrian government jail for 4th consecutive year
- Turkish Embassy in Lebanon continues to suspend visas for Palestinian refugees from Syria
- In-kind aids handed over to displaced Palestinian-Syrian families in southern Turkey

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Latest Developments

To support the Palestinian refugee community affected by the debilitating conflict in Syria, UNRWA has launched its 2017 Syria Regional Crisis Emergency Appeal.

Speaking at an international conference held in Finland, UNRWA Commissioner-General Pierre Krähenbühl said 430,000 Palestinian refugees are in need of urgent humanitarian assistance, among whom 280,000 are internally displaced and 43,000 are trapped in hard-to-reach or inaccessible locations.



According to Krähenbühl, around 30,000 Palestinians from Syria displaced to Lebanon and 17,000 others to Jordan have been pushed into a precarious and marginalized existence due to their uncertain legal status.

He added that another generation of refugees in Syria has been gone traumatized due to displacement and human and material loss.

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UNRWA further stated that over US\$ 411 million is required for desperately needed humanitarian support in Syria, Lebanon and Jordan to ensure that Palestinian refugees have access to education, health care, youth development and protection services, among others.

Through its programs and engagement with relevant duty bearers, UNRWA regularly advocates for the respect of the rights of Palestinian refugees.

The agency pledged that it will continue to advocate for safe, unhindered and sustained access to meet the needs of Palestinian refugees affected by the crisis in Syria, particularly in hard-to-reach and besieged areas, and in accordance with international law.

In a related development, the Palestinian refugee Ibtissam Hamad Abdullah, born in 1975, has been locked up in Syrian penitentiaries for the fourth year running.

Mrs. Ibtissam was kidnapped by the pro-government troops in the Nisreen Street, adjacent to the Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian refugees in southern Damascus.

According to AGPS data, 1,146 Palestinian refugees have been incarcerated in Syrian penal complexes, among whom 81 female refugees whose fate has been shrouded in mystery.

Meanwhile, the Turkish Embassy in Lebanon continues to prevent Palestinian refugees from Syria and Lebanon from obtaining visas.

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As a result, hundreds of Palestinians from Syria have embarked on lifethreatening journeys via illegal immigration roads to reach Turkey, fleeing war-tattered Syria.



Civil Action Commissions

The Khayra Ummah charity distributed in-kind relief items, including winter clothes, blankets, toddler milk, and diapers, to a number of Palestinian and Syrian families in such Turkish areas as Kilis, Gaziantep, Urfa, Marash, and Nizip.



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The move makes part of the "Winter" and "Happy Child" projects started earlier by the charity.

Some 8,000 Palestinian refugees from Syria have been seeking shelter in Turkey, according to unofficial statistics.

Palestinians of Syria: January 27, 2017 Statistics:

- At least 3,424 Palestinians, including 455 women, were killed in wartorn Syria.
- 1,146 Palestinian refugees, including 81 women, are incarcerated in Syrian government lock-ups.
- Yarmouk refugee camp has been blockaded by the Syrian regime army and Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine General Command (PFLP-GC) for 1,317 days in a row.
- 190 Palestinians died of undernourishment and medical neglect in the blockaded Yarmouk Camp.
- Water supplies cut off in Deraa and Yarmouk camps respectively for 1,022 and 832 days.
- Residents of Handarat Camp, in Aleppo, denied access to their homes for 1,365 days. Government battalions have been holding sway over the camp for more than 99 days.
- Government troops ban residents of Al-Sbiena Camp from returning to their homes for 1,170 days running.
- Over 79,000 Palestinian Syrian refugees fled to Europe until mid 2016.
- 31,000 Palestinians from Syria are housed in Lebanon.

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- 17 Palestinians from Syria are taking refuge in Jordan.
- 6,000 Palestinian-Syrian refugees are sheltered in Egypt.
- 8,000 Palestinian-Syrian refugees are taking shelter in Turkey.
- 1,000 Palestinian-Syrian refugees are sheltered in the blockaded Gaza Strip.