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"Detainees' Families Subjected to Blackmailing in War-Torn Syria"

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Latest Developments

The families of hundreds of Palestinian refugees secretly held in Syrian state jails have been blackmailed over their appeals for information.

Hundreds of families have paid large sums of money to brokers, crooked lawyers, or government officials with fake Facebook accounts to get pieces of information about the condition and whereabouts of their missing relatives.



Activists warned the concerned families not to provide personal data about their jailed relatives on social media networks over security concerns and to check provided data in this regard.

In another development, a delegation of the Follow-Up Committee of Displaced Palestinians in Jordan met on Monday, January 28, with the director of UNRWA operations in Jordan Roger Davies to discuss the situation of Palestinians from Syria seeking shelter in Jordan.

The committee urged UNRWA to meet the refugees' demands and shell out its monthly aids, including fuel, power/water, and shelter allowances, and to increase allotted aids.



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Davies pledged that UNRWA will do its best to provide healthcare among other vital services to Palestinian refugees and urge donor countries to boost funds for the refugee agency.



Along the same line, Palestinian activists raised alarm bells over the deteriorating conditions of the displaced Palestinian refugees in Lebanon due to the absence of relief aids and humanitarian assistance.

Activists urged UNRWA, the Palestine Liberation Organization, and Palestinian factions to take urgent measures in order to tone down the crises endured by the displaced Palestinian communities.

Palestinian refugees in Lebanon have been severely affected by UNRWA cuts of its vital services and cash allowances due to the refugees.

At the same time, UNRWA's Commissioner-General, Pierre Krähenbühl, called for a total of US\$ 1.2 billion to fund the Agency's vital core services and life-saving humanitarian aid for 5.4 million Palestine refugees across the Middle East. It is the amount needed to keep UNRWA operations at the same level as in 2018.



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The presentation of the Agency's 2019 priorities and financial requirements comes in the wake of a remarkable global mobilization to overcome an unprecedented shortfall and existential crisis following the decision by the US to cut US\$ 300 million of its contribution last year.

Krähenbühl paid a strong tribute to all UNRWA donor partners: "As we faced the most severe financial challenge in our proud history, it was both humbling and inspiring to have witnessed the extent and generosity of the response from host and donor governments, from within the United Nations and NGO partners, from civil society and individuals."

"One of the greatest concerns for Palestine refugees is the current near complete absence of horizon, both political and personal. In the midst of this, it is essential to preserve the key services carried out by courageous UNRWA staff in some of the most difficult and polarized regions of the Middle East", he said.

"My call is, therefore, to all our partners to sustain the generous funding levels achieved individually and collectively in 2018. At stake are the dignity and rights of Palestine refugee - in particular the right to education for 535,000 girls and boys - as well as regional stability and the defense of robust multilateralism," said the Commissioner-General.

Some US\$ 750 million will be required to continue the Agency's core services, which encompass education, health, and relief and social services and contribute to the realization of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the 2030 Agenda. Furthermore,



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US\$ 138 million will be required to provide emergency humanitarian aid to the oPt (Gaza and West Bank, including East Jerusalem) and US\$ 277 million will be required in support of the Syria Regional Crisis Emergency Appeal (in Syria and for Palestine refugees from Syria in Lebanon and Jordan).

