



Syrian Crisis United Nations Response



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Secretary-General condemns attacks on market in Idlib

The Secretary-General condemned the abhorrent attack carried out on 12 June on a market in Idlib city, which took place after a ceasefire stipulated in the Four Towns Agreement had been restored. The attack reportedly left dozens of civilians, including women and children, dead or wounded. In a statement, the Secretary-General extended his deepest condolences to the bereaved families, wished a speedy recovery to the injured and called on all those responsible for attacks on civilians to be held accountable.
<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=54217&Cr=Syria&Cr1=>

UN refugee agency projects 2017 resettlement needs to pass 1.19 million

In a *Projected Global Resettlement Needs 2017* report released in Geneva on 13 June, the UN refugee agency, UNHCR, said that despite increased resettlement quotas from some countries, expansion in global resettlement capacity, and increases in submissions, the projected number of people in need of resettlement will pass 1.19 million next year. In response, UNHCR expects to submit 170,000 refugees for resettlement in 2017, based on the expected global quotas from resettlement countries. Among people in need of resettlement, Syrians are projected to account for 40 per cent, followed by Sudan (11 per cent), Afghanistan (10 per cent) and the Democratic Republic of the Congo (9 per cent).

<http://www.unhcr.org/en-us/news/latest/2016/6/575e79424/unhcr-report-sees-2017-resettlement-needs-119-million.html>

Time not yet mature for a new round of talks, says Special Envoy

Speaking to reporters in Geneva on 9 June, Special Envoy for Syria Staffan de Mistura said that the time was not yet ripe for a third round of talks. "We don't want to have talks for the sake of talks", he noted. The Envoy stressed, however, the great urgency of the deadline of early August set by the co-chairs of the International Syria Support Group (ISSG) for political discussions. "We have to have at least the beginnings of a serious agreement by then. Without a political horizon and discussions on the transition, a further escalation is all too likely. We need unhindered humanitarian access and increased protection of civilians; that is the law, and must not be a bargaining chip." Mr. de Mistura called once again for the release of prisoners and detainees in Syria.

http://www.unog.ch/unog/website/news_media.nsf/%28httpNewsByYear_en%29/39955438230C90CCC1257FD10039BCE4?OpenDocument

WHO reaches more people in need with medical treatment in Douma

As part of the first inter-agency convoy to Douma, in Rural Damascus since May 2014, the World Health Organization (WHO) delivered on 10 June more than 5 tonnes of medical supplies. The deliveries included medicines for urgent care, such as insulin and emergency health kits. Antibiotics, pain medications, nutrition supplies and medical equipment for use in small clinics and hospitals were also included. "Unhindered and sustained access to the people in need will enhance the provision of lifesaving treatments and save more lives across the country," said Elizabeth Hoff, WHO Representative in Syria.

<http://www.emro.who.int/media/news/who-reaches-more-people-in-need-with-lifesaving-treatments-in-duma.html>

“Attacks on medical units may amount to war crimes”, UN expert warns

The UN Special Rapporteur on the right to health, Dainius Pūras, condemned on 10 June the direct targeting and continued destruction of medical facilities in Syria. “These incidents amount to war crimes and may constitute crimes against humanity, as well as a violation of the right to health, and those responsible must be brought to justice,” he said. “Medical units are being damaged and destroyed in large numbers throughout Syria, revealing what has become a repugnant hallmark of this horrific conflict,” Mr. Pūras noted. “The sheer number of such facilities being hit, as well as information relating to some of the incidents, suggests that some hospitals and other medical facilities may have been directly targeted.” From the beginning of May 2016 alone, the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights documented incidents involving at least eight medical units in Syria in which dozens of civilians were killed and injured.

<http://reliefweb.int/report/syrian-arab-republic/attacks-medical-units-syria-may-amount-war-crimes-and-crimes-against>

Food convoy delivers aid to besieged Daraya for the first time in four years

For the first time since 2012, the UN World Food Programme delivered food to the besieged town of Daraya, a suburb of Damascus. The nine-truck convoy, which carried life-saving food assistance and medical supplies, reached the people of Daraya late on 9 June. The agency announced that additional convoys are planned to all the 19 besieged locations as part of the plan for June, following the Government of Syria’s approval to reach these locations. In total, during the first few days of June, WFP has already provided life-saving food assistance to more than 1.4 million people across Syria as part of the organization’s monthly plan to reach 4 million displaced and vulnerable people.

<http://www.wfp.org/news/news-release/wfp-food-reaches-families-besieged-town-darayya>

UNRWA condemns deadly attack in Sayyida Zeinab, which killed five Palestine refugees

The UN Works and Relief Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) strongly condemned the parties responsible for the deadly attacks in Sayyida Zeinab on 11 June. The two explosions in the vicinity of Qabr Essit camp in the town of Sayyida Zeinab killed five Palestine refugees. This was the fourth such attack in Sayyida Zeinab since January this year. “A pattern has emerged of the deliberate targeting of civilians in this area. The perpetrators of these outrageous acts deserve the strongest denunciation,” the agency stressed in a statement.

<http://www.unrwa.org/newsroom/press-releases/unrwa-statement-deadly-attack-sayyida-zeinab-11-june-killing-five-palestine>

UN Radio in Arabic

Ban Ki-moon condemns attack on a market in Idlib and calls for accountability for those responsible for attacks against civilians

<http://www.unmultimedia.org/arabic/radio/archives/204578>

[بان كي مون يدين الهجوم على سوق في مدينة إدلب ويدعو إلى محاسبة المسؤولين عن ارتكاب الهجمات ضد المدنيين](#)

World Health Organization reaches Douma’s population with life-saving treatment

<http://www.unmultimedia.org/arabic/radio/archives/204486>

[منظمة الصحة العالمية تصل إلى سكان دوما السورية بالعلاج المنقذ للحياة](#)

UNHCR: resettlement needs in 2017 will exceed 1.19 million people

<http://www.unmultimedia.org/arabic/radio/archives/204481>

[مفوضية شؤون اللاجئين: احتياجات إعادة التوطين في 2017 ستتجاوز 1.19 مليون شخص](http://www.unmultimedia.org/arabic/radio/archives/204481)

Rim, a young Syrian mother, lost everything in Syria, and was forced to leave the country to protect the future of her children

http://www.unmultimedia.org/arabic/radio/archives/204475/index_search.html

[ريم أم سورية شابة فقدت كل شيء في سوريا، واضطرت إلى المغادرة كيلا يفقد أبنائها مستقبلهم](http://www.unmultimedia.org/arabic/radio/archives/204475/index_search.html)

Secretary-General condemns the attack near the shrine of Sayida Zainab in Syria

http://www.unmultimedia.org/arabic/radio/archives/204455/index_search.html

[الأمين العام يدين هجوما قرب ضريح السيدة زينب في سوريا](http://www.unmultimedia.org/arabic/radio/archives/204455/index_search.html)

Abeer Etefa of WFP: People in Daraya and other regions in Syria need food every day -- what is important is the continuity of access and lifting the siege

http://www.unmultimedia.org/arabic/radio/archives/204314/index_search.html

[عبير عطيفة: الناس في داريا وغيرها من المناطق في سوريا يحتاجون إلى الغذاء كل يوم – المهم استمرارية الوصول وفك الحصار](http://www.unmultimedia.org/arabic/radio/archives/204314/index_search.html)

United Nations: food aid reaches families in Daraya for the first time since 2012

http://www.unmultimedia.org/arabic/radio/archives/204281/index_search.html

[الأمم المتحدة: المساعدات الغذائية تصل إلى الأسر في داريا للمرة الأولى منذ 2012](http://www.unmultimedia.org/arabic/radio/archives/204281/index_search.html)

UN Expert warns that attacks on medical facilities in Syria may be considered war crime and crimes against humanity

http://www.unmultimedia.org/arabic/radio/archives/204275/index_search.html

[خبير أممي: الهجمات على المرافق الطبية في سوريا قد ترقى إلى جرائم حرب وجرائم ضد الإنسانية](http://www.unmultimedia.org/arabic/radio/archives/204275/index_search.html)

de Mistura: the time is not yet ripe for the third formal round of Syrian talks

http://www.unmultimedia.org/arabic/radio/archives/204166/index_search.html

[دي ميستورا: الوقت لم يحن بعد لجولة رسمية ثالثة من المحادثات السورية](http://www.unmultimedia.org/arabic/radio/archives/204166/index_search.html)

Twitter

UN Spokesperson @UN_Spokesperson June 13

#UNSG Ban Ki-moon condemns attack on market in Idlib city in #Syria; extends condolences to bereaved families <http://bit.ly/1ZLmjXw>

OCHA Syria @OCHA_Syria June 13

Today, we are delivering food, health, nutrition & emergency items to three hard-to-reach areas in #Homs #Syria

United Nations Retweeted UN Women @UN_Women June 13

#Womenofsyria can speak for themselves. They want their voices to be heard in peace talks: <http://ow.ly/TAoG3019bre>

OCHA Syria @OCHA_Syria June 11

Technical teams checking children hospital in #Douma #Syria while delivering aid last night with @UN @SYRedCrescent

UN Human Rights @UNHumanRights June 10
"Attacks on medical units in #Syria may amount to war crimes & crimes against humanity" – UN expert warns <http://ow.ly/QM4Y30185UD>

Facebook

The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) deplores the escalation of the armed conflict in Syria which in recent days has claimed the lives of two Palestine refugees in the northern city of Aleppo and continues gravely to endanger the safety of Palestine refugees in Khan Eshieh camp in southern rural Damascus. Read more: goo.gl/qEtKN4

<https://www.facebook.com/unrwa/photos/a.118302834882959.10295.105171192862790/1108667792513120/?type=3>

The escalating armed conflict in Syria in recent days has led to the deaths of two Palestine refugees and serious injuries to another. Will you provide a #GiftofHope to their families and thousands of other Palestine refugees exposed to armed conflict and its consequences?

<https://www.facebook.com/unrwa/photos/a.118302834882959.10295.105171192862790/1108628985850334/?type=3>

We're three days into our Ramadan campaign, and we have already raised enough funds to feed 598 Palestine refugee families. Thank you all so much for donating. You can still help here: <https://donate.unrwa.org/ramadan>

<https://www.facebook.com/unrwa/photos/a.118302834882959.10295.105171192862790/1109450955768137/?type=3>

There are close to a million Palestine refugees in Gaza and over 430,000 in Syria living in utter poverty and in dire need of assistance. Find out how you can bring food and hope to Palestine refugee families this Ramadan: <https://donate.unrwa.org/ramadan>

<https://www.facebook.com/unrwa/photos/a.118302834882959.10295.105171192862790/1109999179046648/?type=3>

In Syria, Palestine refugee children are in desperate need of food. Will you provide them with a #GiftofHope this Ramadan? <https://donate.unrwa.org/ramadan>

<https://www.facebook.com/unrwa/photos/a.118302834882959.10295.105171192862790/1109904882389411/?type=3>

In Syria, Palestine refugees enjoyed full employment rights. Now, those displaced to Lebanon face extremely limited work opportunities. Coupled with the rising costs of food and shelter, a large proportion of them have fallen into debt. Learn more about the situation in Lebanon for Palestine refugees displaced from Syria: <http://goo.gl/UD06pp>

<https://www.facebook.com/unrwa/photos/a.118302834882959.10295.105171192862790/1082948595085040/?type=3>

Heavy fighting in Syria is making life even worse for the 430,000 Palestine refugees living there. Find out how you can bring food and hope to Palestine refugee families this Ramadan: <https://donate.unrwa.org/ramadan>

<https://www.facebook.com/unrwa/photos/a.118302834882959.10295.105171192862790/1109908649055701/?type=3>

We've so far raised enough money to feed almost 800 families this Ramadan. But we still need to raise so much more to help people like 29-year-old Yasmin. After her husband was killed during the Syrian conflict in 2014, Yasmin moved with her family to a refugee camp in Rif Damascus. Yasmin relies on food baskets provided by UNRWA to feed her family. During this holy month of Ramadan will you provide Yasmin with her most basic necessity: food? <https://donate.unrwa.org/ramadan>
<https://www.facebook.com/unrwa/photos/a.118302834882959.10295.105171192862790/1111879925525240/?type=3>

Twitter

Escalation of violence in #Syria claiming #Palestine refugee lives destroying civilian homes <http://goo.gl/qEtKN4>
<https://twitter.com/UNRWA/status/740491416472854528>

The escalating armed conflict in Syria in recent days has led to the deaths of two Palestine refugees #GiftofHope
<https://twitter.com/UNRWA/status/740522676092063744>

We demand all sides of armed conflict in #Syria to respect & comply with their int'l humanitarian law obligations <http://goo.gl/qEtKN4>
<https://twitter.com/UNRWA/status/740619552338284544>

There are over 430,000 Palestine refugees in Syria in utter poverty. Bring them hope this #Ramadan
<https://twitter.com/UNRWA/status/741314099301076992>

There are thousands of refugee families in Syria and Gaza this #Ramadan. Bring them hope <https://donate.unrwa.org/ramadan>
<https://twitter.com/UNRWA/status/742696796598607872>

Social media campaigns

#GiftofHope

UNRWA launched a #GiftofHope fundraising campaign on 6 June that will run throughout the holy month of Ramadan. The campaign, which focuses on raising funds for food for close to a million Palestine refugees in Gaza and over 430,000 in Syria who are living in dire need of assistance, will run mainly across the Agency's social media platforms.
<https://donate.unrwa.org/en-us/ramadan>

@ShareTheMeal: In April 2016, the World Food Programme launched its phone application to support fundraising efforts for Syrian refugee children in Lebanon. ShareTheMeal's fundraising aims to support 1,400 refugee children aged 3-4 in Beirut for a full year. Through the app, smartphone users can join thousands of other people in making donations and support a selected community and monitor progress. Since November 2015, the app has been available globally and has received several awards for its design and innovative character.
www.sharethemeal.org

#ActofHumanity: UNICEF launched in March 2016 a series of animated films entitled "Unfair Tales" to help frame positive perceptions towards the millions of children and young people on the move globally. The Unfair Tales are part of an initiative, #actofhumanity, emphasising that every child has rights and deserves a fair chance.

UNICEF will engage audiences through the hashtag #actofhumanity to share stories about refugees and migrant children.

<http://weshare.unicef.org/Package/2AMZIF3BZ9S>

#RememberUs - #Syria5Years is an advocacy and fundraising campaign to tell the story of Palestine refugees in Syria after five years of armed conflict. In the last five years, the Palestine refugees of Syria have been experiencing tremendous hardship with over 60 per cent of the 560,000 registered with UNRWA displaced throughout Syria and further afield. Through the campaign, UNRWA remembers the victims to the Syrian conflict, in particular the Palestine refugees, many of whom have lost their communities, family members, houses and livelihoods. To date, 16 UNRWA staff members have lost their lives in the armed conflict in Syria. This is the largest death toll for any single United Nations agency working in Syria.

<http://www.unrwa.org/syria5years>

Arabic: <http://goo.gl/vVRZRw>

#MyVoiceMySchool- #Myvoicemyschool, running for a second year, is an educational project linking Palestine refugee youth in Syria with their peers in England and Belgium. Through live video conversations and customized teaching materials, students and teachers explore how education can help them meet their future aspirations.

<https://www.facebook.com/unrwa/photos/a.995861277127106.1073741879.105171192862790/995861320460435/?type=3&theater>

#IamSyrian is a global engagement campaign on social media launched by the World Food Programme (WFP) at the London Syria conference in February 2016. It offers global citizens the opportunity to show solidarity with the Syrian people by sharing their stories, sending messages of support and demonstrating how the world continues to care about their plight. The campaign will culminate in an exhibition at the UN General Assembly in September 2016.

<https://www.facebook.com/WorldFoodProgramme/photos/a.59121880177.81015.28312410177/10153310768060178/?type=3&theater>

#Unite4Heritage is a global movement run by UNESCO that aims to celebrate and safeguard cultural heritage and diversity around the world. Launched in response to the unprecedented attacks on world heritage sites, the campaign calls on everyone to stand up against extremism and radicalization by celebrating the places, objects and cultural traditions that make the world such a rich and vibrant place.

<http://whc.unesco.org/en/news/1254/>

Relevant links to UN Secretariat, Agencies, Funds and Programmes on Syria

DPI Focus Page on Syria:

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/infocusRel.asp?infocusID=146&Body=Syria&Body1=>

UN System agencies :

UNICEF: <http://www.unicef.org/media/index.html>

WFP: <http://www.wfp.org/countries/syria>

OCHA: <http://unocha.org/syria>, twitter.com/ocha_syria, facebook.com/UNOCHA.Syria

WHO: <http://www.who.int/countries/syr/en/>

UNHCR: <http://www.unhcr.org/pages/4f86c2426.html>

OHCHR: <http://www.ohchr.org/en/NewsEvents/Pages/NewsSearch.aspx?CID=SY>

UNRWA: <http://www.unrwa.org/>

UNESCO: <http://www.unesco.org/new/en/syria-crisis-response/>

UNESCO Emergency Safeguarding of the Syrian Cultural Heritage Project:

<http://www.unesco.org/new/en/beirut/areas-of-action/culture/syria/emergency-safeguarding-of-the-syrian-heritage/>

UNESCO Observatory of Syrian Cultural Heritage <https://en.unesco.org/syrian-observatory/>

UNESCO Bridging Learning Gaps for Youth: <http://www.unesco.org/new/en/syria-crisis-response/bridging-learning-gaps/>

UN on social media:

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/UN>

Flickr: http://www.flickr.com/photos/un_photo/

YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/unitednations>

Tumblr: <http://united-nations.tumblr.com/>

Photo galleries:

UNHCR: <http://www.unhcr.org/pages/49c3646c25d.html>

UNRWA: <http://www.unrwa.org/photogallery.php>

OCHA: <http://www.unocha.org/media-resources/photo-gallery>

UNICEF: http://www.unicef.org/photography/photo_2013.php#UNI82253

IRIN: <http://www.irinnews.org/photo/>