



Syrian Crisis United Nations Response



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UNICEF speaks out against attack on primary school in Daraa

In a statement on 12 October, UNICEF Representative in Syria Haana Singer deplored the attack a day before on a primary school in Daraa which killed five children and left 15 other injured. "This attack comes just a few weeks after the start of the school year and amid escalating violence across the country. On top of their daily misery, even the right to learn and play is taken away from children in Syria", she said, urging an end to the killing.

www.unicef.org/media/media_92906.html

Secretary-General urges referral of Syria to the International Criminal Court

Speaking to the media on 10 October, the Secretary-General expressed deep disappointment about the failure of the Security Council to adopt two draft resolutions on Syria. Mr. Ban reiterated his call for an immediate end to airstrikes in Aleppo and elsewhere in Syria, stressing the need for his Special Envoy to be able to convene a political dialogue. The Secretary-General added that he once again urged the Security Council to refer the situation in Syria to the International Criminal Court (ICC).

www.un.org/sg/en/content/sg/press-encounter/2016-10-10/secretary-generals-press-encounter

Eastern Aleppo might be totally destroyed in two months, Special Envoy de Mistura warns

At a press briefing in Geneva on 6 October following a meeting of the Humanitarian Task force on Syria, Special Envoy Staffan de Mistura warned that as a result of intensifying fighting, eastern Aleppo may be totally destroyed in two months and thousands of civilians would be killed or wounded. "This is what you, we, the world will be seeing when we will be trying to celebrate Christmas or the end of the year, if this continues at this rate. This cannot be an option that we can just passively wait to happen, Mr. de Mistura said. Referring to the presence of an estimated 900 Al Nusra Front fighters, he urged them to leave the city and offered to escort them out. "If you did decide to leave, in dignity, and with your weapons, to Idlib, or anywhere you wanted to go, I personally, I am ready physically to accompany you," he stated. The Special Envoy also appealed to Russia and the Government of Syria to immediately cease the aerial bombing in Aleppo to allow the delivery of humanitarian assistance.

www.un.org/sg/en/content/sg/note-correspondents/2016-10-06/note-correspondents-transcript-press-conference-un-special

More than 300 people killed in Aleppo in the past two weeks - WHO reports

A World Health Organization Spokesperson (WHO) told reporters in Geneva on 7 October that more than 370 people had been killed and some 1,200 people had been injured in eastern Aleppo over the past two weeks. Those numbers represented only those reported from functioning health facilities and actual figures were expected to be higher. Partners in eastern Aleppo were also reporting a severe shortage of medicines and equipment. According to WHO, there are only 30 doctors left in Aleppo to serve a quarter of a million people.

[www.unog.ch/unog/website/news_media.nsf/\(httpBriefingsLatest_en\)/23D955329A39F2FEC125804500520C60?OpenDocument](http://www.unog.ch/unog/website/news_media.nsf/(httpBriefingsLatest_en)/23D955329A39F2FEC125804500520C60?OpenDocument)

UNRWA urges all parties to the conflict to refrain from hostilities in civilian areas

The UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) on 6 October called on all parties to the Syrian conflict to comply with international law and stop conducting hostilities in civilian residential areas, including Palestine refugee camps. According to the agency, three Palestinian refugees were killed and another 11 were wounded in Khan Eshieh camp, south of Damascus following increased fighting. "The incidents in Khan Eshieh have taken place in a wider Syrian context marked by the alarming - and in human terms catastrophic - deterioration of the conflict, notably in areas such as Aleppo and Rural Damascus", UNRWA noted.

www.unrwa.org/newsroom/official-statements/unrwa-calls-all-parties-refrain-hostilities-civilian-areas-death-toll

UN Radio in Arabic

Innovative iris recognition technology is used to provide aid to Syrian refugees in Jordan http://www.unmultimedia.org/arabic/radio/archives/217389/#.V_z67fkrKUK

مخيم أك بر يدخل ال سورين للاجئين الغذائية المساعدات لتوفير المبتكرة المعين بصمة تكنولوجية نظام الأردن في

06/10/2016

Special Envoy de Mistura: "The situation in Aleppo could become "another Srebrenica" or even "another Rwanda""

http://www.unmultimedia.org/arabic/radio/archives/217437/#.V_z7MfkrKUK

"أخرى رواندا" حتى أو "أخرى سربري نيتشا" يصح قد حلب في الوضع: ميس تورا دي

06/10/2016

UN Spokesperson says the Secretary-General continues to press for the unity of the Security Council on Syria

http://www.unmultimedia.org/arabic/radio/archives/217640/#.V_z_kfkrKUK

سوريا حول الدولي الأمن مجلس وحدة أجل من الضغط في ويس تمر لواجباته واع العام الأمين: حق في رحان

07/10/2016

Members of the Security Council reject draft resolution on Syria

http://www.unmultimedia.org/arabic/radio/archives/217744/#.V_0BQvkrKUK

سوريا بشأن روسي قرار مشروع ترفض الأمن مجلس أعضاء غلا بية

08/10/2016

Russia used its veto against a French-Spanish draft resolution on Syria

http://www.unmultimedia.org/arabic/radio/archives/217739/#.V_0BifkrKUK

سوريا أن يش إسباني فرنسي قرار مشروع ضد الفيتو تستخدم روسيا

08/10/2016

Twitter

UNICEF@UNICEF - 12 October

"The killing must stop." @SingerHanaa on recent school attack in #Daraa #Syria. Full statement: <http://uni.cf/2e9jKOI>

OCHA Syria @OCHA_Syria - 12 October

Urgent need to protect health workers and health facilities in east #Aleppo #Syria, see 2-week health snapshot <http://ow.ly/k8K83056I3S>

OCHA Syria @OCHA_Syria - 12 October
Food is in short supply and medical items are urgently needed. Read latest east #Aleppo report <http://ow.ly/JDis3053tne> #SyriaCrisis

OCHA Syria @OCHA_Syria - 9 October
Calls on all parties to refrain from hostilities in civilian areas as death toll rises in #KhanEshieh #Syria <http://ow.ly/H7Yx304ZMhj> @UNRWA

United Nations @UN - 9 October
Security Council fails to adopt resolutions on Syria - recap of Saturday's meeting <http://bit.ly/2dJq13l>

United Nations @UN - 8 October
Security Council vote on Syria --
Resolution 846: yes 11, no 2 & abstain 2.
Resolution not adopted.
Meeting continues.

United Nations retweeted- 7 October
UN Geneva ✓ @UNGeneva
.@UN Special Envoy for #Syria de Mistura appeals to Al Nusra to leave eastern Aleppo & to Russia, Syrian Gvt to halt aerial bombing.

WHO ✓ @WHO
#HealthWorkers and patients are between life and death in eastern #Aleppo, #Syria
<http://goo.gl/nKKXpk> #NotATarget

UN Facebook

United Nations shared UN Geneva's video - 6 October.
"There is only one thing that we are not ready to do: be passive, resign ourselves to another Srebrenica, another Rwanda."
-- United Nations Special Envoy for Syria Staffan de Mistura

Social media campaigns

@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. Through the app, smartphone users can join thousands of other people in making donations and support a selected community and monitor progress. Since the launch of the campaign, nearly 7.5 million meals have been shared.
www.sharethemeal.org

#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.
<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](https://www.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