



Syrian Crisis

United Nations Response



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UN concerns about displacement of civilians in Deir ez-Zor

The UN continues to be deeply concerned for the safety and protection of over a million people across Syria's Deir ez-Zor Governorate. On 4 October, fighting around Sawa village and surrounding areas led to hundreds of families reportedly fleeing to northern Deir ez-Zor or to the eastern countryside. Many of the displaced have moved to locations difficult for humanitarian workers to have access. The last UN interagency humanitarian delivery to Deir ez-Zor city was on 27 September, which delivered assistance for 75,000 people. Since the last delivery, fighting in the western countryside south of Deir ez-Zor city has reportedly resulted in the highway in the area being cut off, and it continues to be inaccessible for commercial and humanitarian movement.

<http://www.un.org/press/en/2017/db171006.doc.htm>

September was the deadliest month of 2017, warns UN humanitarian official

The Regional Humanitarian Coordinator for Syria, Panos Moumtzis, said on 5 October that he was appalled by reports of high numbers of civilian casualties due to heavy air attacks in Syria. "Hospitals, ambulances, schools and displaced people escaping violence have been targeted by direct air strikes, resulting in deaths and injuries of innocent civilians" he said. He noted that September was the deadliest month of 2017 for civilians, with daily reports of attacks on residential areas resulting in hundreds of conflict-related deaths and injuries. He reiterated the UN's call on all parties to the conflict to immediately take all measures to protect civilians and civilian infrastructure throughout Syria.

https://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/Statement%20on%20escalation%20of%20violence%20Oct2017_2_eng.pdf

UNESCO completes restoration of a statue from ancient city of Palmyra damaged by ISIL

UNESCO announced on 5 October that the restoration of the 2000-year old statue Lion of Al-lāt in the city of Palmyra had been completed. The statue suffered extensive damage in May 2015, when ISIL forces captured Palmyra, a UNESCO World Heritage site. The limestone lion, also known as the Lion Statue of Athena, once marked and protected the entrance to the temple of Al-lāt. The restoration is part of a broader project to protect the unique cultural heritage of Syria, which remains at risk.

<http://en.unesco.org/news/restoration-completed-lion-al-lat-stature-ancient-city-palmyra-damaged-isil>

UN Radio in Arabic

International concern is mounting for safety of people in Deir ez-Zor

<http://www.unmultimedia.org/arabic/radio/archives/253073>

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Twitter

OCHA Syria@OCHA_Syria – 11 October

Even in crises, many girls play a critical role in their homes & communities #Syria

#DayofTheGirl @Atayeshe @UNFPA <http://ow.ly/RWbe30fNkQF>

OCHA @OCHA_Syria – 10 October

Major displacement reported from #DeirezZor #ArRaqqa #Hama to #Aleppo #Idleb in

#Syria. Details: <http://ow.ly/hRxn30fLLnN>

OCHA Syria @OCHA_Syria – 9 October

More OCHA Syria Retweeted FAOKnowledge

An estimated 85% of people in #Syria live in poverty

New interactive report on global food & agriculture <http://ow.ly/eajc30fK0kT>

#Zerohunger

OCHA @OCHA_Syria- 5 October

September was deadliest month of 2017, airstrikes on #Idlib killed at least 149 people

said @UN @PanosMoumtzis <http://ow.ly/HCVn30fFi0h>

Social media campaigns

#My Voice-My School is an UNRWA project launched in 2015 and implemented by Digital Explorer to connect schools in Gaza, Syria, Lebanon with schools in Europe and USA through Skype exchanges. Through live video conversations and customized teaching materials, students and teachers explore how education can help them meet their future aspirations. www.unrwa.org/myvoicemyschool

@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, more than 15 million meals have been shared.

www.sharethemeal.org

#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/>

#NoLostGeneration: The initiative was launched by UNICEF and partners in 2013 to focus attention on the plight of children affected by the Syrian crisis. By articulating real concerns about the possible 'loss' of a generation of children to the effects of violence

and displacement, the initiative put education and child protection at the centre of the response inside Syria and across the refugee hosting countries (Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq and Egypt).

<http://nolostgeneration.org/about>

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>

UNFPA: <https://www.unfpa.org/emergencies/crisis-syria>

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/>