



## **Syrian Crisis** United Nations Response



**A Weekly Update from the  
UN Department of Public Information**

**No. 195/26 April 2017**

### **Joint Statement by the Regional Humanitarian Coordinator and the Humanitarian Coordinator on recent air strikes affecting hospitals in Syria**

The UN community is appalled by the ongoing damage and destruction of medical facilities in northern Syria depriving hundreds of thousands of people of basic health services. On 25 April at dawn, the Shahid Wasim Husseini hospital in Kafr Takharim city was reportedly hit by airstrikes, putting it out of service. On 22 April airstrikes in the area of Abdin in Idleb Governorate reportedly hit an underground field hospital and reportedly killed four civilians. Four other airstrikes impacting medical facilities were reported in April alone in this region, including a hospital specializing in maternal and child care. Almost all facilities were rendered out of service as a result.

<http://reliefweb.int/report/syrian-arab-republic/joint-statement-regional-humanitarian-coordinator-and-humanitarian>

### **UN expresses concern for safety of people in Raqqa**

UN expressed deep concern for the safety and protection of over 400,000 people in Raqqa. The UN Spokesperson said on 24 April that in past weeks, civilians have been exposed to daily fighting and air strikes, which resulted in an escalating number of civilian deaths and injuries, as well as damage to civilian infrastructure, including hospitals, schools, markets and water infrastructure. On 23 April, he noted, air strikes on Atabaqa city reportedly killed eight people, including five children, and damaged two schools. On 22 April, dozens of people were reportedly killed and injured in air strikes on an IDP [internally displaced persons] camp near Albardah village, 20 km west of Raqqa.

<http://www.un.org/press/en/2017/db170424.doc.htm>

### **550 people evacuated to Idlib; inter-agency convoy delivers humanitarian assistance to rural Homs**

The UN Spokesperson said on 20 April that in Syria the previous day, 550 people from Zabadani, Madaya, Sarghaya and the surrounding area in Syria were evacuated to Idleb governorate simultaneously with 3,000 people from Foah and Kafraya, who were evacuated to Jibreen, outside of Aleppo city. With those evacuations, the town of Zabadani is reported to have been completely emptied. People evacuated from Foah and Kafraya to the Al-Mahalej shelter in Jibreen are being provided with food, water, emergency items and health services, supplied by the UN and our partners through the Syrian Arab Red Crescent. People displaced from Madaya and Zabadani to Idleb are being assisted by cross-border NGOs [non-governmental organizations] through two reception centres.

Meanwhile, a UN/ICRC (International Committee of the Red Cross)/Syrian Arab Red Crescent inter-agency convoy delivered food and other assistance for 33,500 people in need in several hard-to-reach villages in the northern area of rural Homs on 20 April. The last inter-agency convoy to this area was on 20 October 2016, the UN Spokesperson told the media. Some items (including sanitation and health supplies) were not allowed to be delivered by Government authorities. The UN continues to call for safe, sustained

and unimpeded humanitarian access to all those in need in Syria, particularly the millions in hard-to-reach and besieged areas.

<http://www.un.org/press/en/2017/db170420.doc.htm>

<http://www.un.org/press/en/2017/db170421.doc.htm>

### **All sides in Syria crisis felt impact of 'horrific' 15 April attack on evacuee convoy, says UN envoy**

Speaking to journalists on 20 April after a meeting of the Humanitarian Taskforce (HTF), Staffan de Mistura, the United Nations Special Envoy for Syria, stated that the horrific attack on a convoy of evacuees on 15 April had impacted everyone at today's talks.

"Armed groups' representatives [present at the HTF], Government representatives and non-governmental organizations, all of them [were] affected by the explosion, all helped to make sure that [the wounded] could get to the hospital," said Mr. de Mistura. "That was the main moment of total unity among all the members of the HTF [...] in a way the divisions were blurred by the horrific attack which was meant to do the opposite," he added. At least 130 people, including 67 children were killed in the attack near Rashideen, western rural Aleppo, and more than 200 were wounded.

Also speaking alongside Mr. de Mistura, Jan Egeland, the UN Senior Advisor informed the media that as of mid-April, some 564,000 people across front lines, and in besieged and hard-to-reach areas were provided with relief. Compared to last year, fewer people were reached in besieged areas (160,000) but more were provided relief in hard-to-reach areas.

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=56596>

[http://www.unog.ch/unog/website/news\\_media.nsf/\(httpNewsByYear\\_en\)/F073477263149E61C1258108005EED5D?OpenDocument](http://www.unog.ch/unog/website/news_media.nsf/(httpNewsByYear_en)/F073477263149E61C1258108005EED5D?OpenDocument)

### **25 million children out of school in conflict zones - UNICEF**

More than 25 million children between 6 and 15 years old, or 22 per cent of children in that age group, are missing out on school in conflict zones across 22 countries, UNICEF said today. "At no time is education more important than in times of war," said UNICEF Chief of Education Josephine Bourne. "Without education, how will children reach their full potential and contribute to the future and stability of their families, communities and economies?"...To help drive an increased understanding of the challenges children affected and uprooted by conflict face in accessing school, 19-year-old Syrian refugee and education activist Muzoon Almellehan, dubbed 'the Malala of Syria', travelled to Chad, a country where nearly three times as many girls as boys of primary-age in conflict areas are missing out on education.

[https://www.unicef.org/media/media\\_95861.html](https://www.unicef.org/media/media_95861.html)

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=56610>

### **Update on Ar-Raqqa by OCHA**

In a flash update issued on 25 April on the situation in Ar-Raqqa, OCHA said that As of 23 April, Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF)-advancement on northern Ar-Raqqa displaced some 39,000 people to Jib Al-Shaair make-shift camp in Ar-Raqqa governorate, most of whom had already been displaced to northern Ar-Raqqa from Menbij district (Maskana, Deir Hafer and Khafsa) a mere month ago. Due to ongoing military operations, new IDP influx into Jib Al-Shaair make-shift camp is expected, and might reach up to 21,000 people in the coming days.

<http://reliefweb.int/report/syrian-arab-republic/syrian-arab-republic-jib-al-shaairar-raqqa-flash-update-no-1-25-april>

### **Un Radio in Arabic**

United Nations concerned about 400,000 people in Raqqa, Syria

ب سوريا الرققة في شخص ألف 400 وضع بشأن القلق ت بدي المتحدة الأمم

<http://www.unmultimedia.org/arabic/radio/archives/239981>

2017-04-24

In Chad, activist Mazoun al-Mulihan or Malala of Syria meets Nigerian children fleeing violence of Boko Haram

حرام بوكو علف من ال فارين ال نيجيري بين الأط فال تشاد في ت لتقي السورية ملالا أو المل يهان مزون ال ناشطة

<http://www.unmultimedia.org/arabic/radio/archives/239992>

2017-04-24

UNICEF: 25 million children are out of school in conflict areas

ال صراعات مناطق في المدارس خارج ط فل مليون 25: ال يونيسف

<http://www.unmultimedia.org/arabic/radio/archives/239965>

2017-04-24

UN Fact-Finding Mission in Syria investigates alleged use of sarin gas in Khan Sheikhoun

شيوخون خان في ل لسارين المزعوم ال اسخدام في ت حقق سوريا في ال حقائق ل تقصي ال م المتحدة الأمم ل لجنة

<http://www.unmultimedia.org/arabic/radio/archives/239867>

2017-04-21

Egeland: The delivery of humanitarian aid to the besieged areas of Syria has decreased this year

ال عام هذا سوريا في المحاصرة ل لمناطق الإذ سانة ال مساعدات إيصال ت راجع: إي غلاند

<http://www.unmultimedia.org/arabic/radio/archives/239726>

2017-04-20

Committee on the Rights of the Child calls for accountability in Syria

سوريا في الإذ تهاكات مرت ك بي محاسبة إلى ت دعو الأط فل حقوق ل لجنة

<http://www.unmultimedia.org/arabic/radio/archives/239720>

2017-04-20

World Food Program: Yemen needs \$ 1.2 billion to help 17 million people

شخص مليون 17 لمساعدة دولار مليون 1.2 إلى ب حاجة ب من ال .. ال عالمي الأغذية ب برنامج مع حوار

<http://www.unmultimedia.org/arabic/radio/archives/239679>

2017-04-20

## **Twitter**

OCHA Syria OCHA\_Syria 26 April

READ @UN statement on damage & destruction of medical facilities in northern #Syria depriving people of healthcare <http://ow.ly/LMht30bbqjm>

OCHA Syria @OCHA\_Syria Apr 25

200 people to start working in carpentry & metal work through @UndpSyria supported vocational training in #Tartous #Banias #Qadmous #Syria

**OCHA Syria** @OCHA\_Syria

153,012 people registered as displaced families continue to return to newly accessible areas of #Aleppo #Syria <http://ow.ly/oXpw30b5WyO>

**World Food Programme** @WFP 25 April

Thanks to WFP, the families of rural Damascus will be able to cook wholesome meals every day for one month. <https://wfp-middleeast.exposure.co/bringing-relief-to-families-in-rural-damascus> ...

## **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](http://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, nearly 7.5 million meals have been shared.

[www.sharethemeal.org](http://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](https://twitter.com/ocha_syria), [facebook.com/UNOCHA.Syria](https://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/>

**UN on social media:**

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

Flickr: [http://www.flickr.com/photos/un\\_photo/](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](http://www.unicef.org/photography/photo_2013.php#UNI82253)