



# Weekly Report

## Syrian Arab Republic

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### ***First UN humanitarian aid convoy leaves for Syria from Turkey since conflict began***

- For the first time since the conflict began, the UN has been able to send humanitarian aid from the Turkish city of Nusaybin into the neighbouring city of Qamishli in Syria.
- The aid convoy carried vital supplies, such as food, blankets and mattresses, and medical supplies from the World Food Programme, the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, UNICEF, the World Health Organization, and the International Organization for Migration.
- This development arises a month after UN Security Council adopted a resolution demanding that all parties promptly allow "rapid, safe and unhindered humanitarian access."
- Source: UN News Centre

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=47389&Cr=syria&Cr1=#.UytBC6V39oU>

### ***Massive international assistance needed to support Syrian refugees***

- The huge influx of Syrian refugees into Lebanon, some 12,000 each week, is exerting tremendous pressure on water, sanitation and waste management systems, creating serious health consequences.
- Syrian refugees now constitute 25 percent of Lebanon's population, and could number over 1.6 million by the end of 2014.
- UN High Commissioner for Refugees calls for support for Lebanon since it constitutes a "pillar in the international framework for the protection of Syrian refugees, and without it, that entire system would collapse."
- Source: UN News Centre

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=47379&Cr=lebanon&Cr1=#.UytBJaV39oU>

### ***OPCW-UN mission: Over half of Syria's chemical weapons either removed or destroyed***

- The UN and the Joint Mission of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) report that 53.6 per cent of Syria's chemical weapons material has been removed or destroyed.
- OPCW-UN Joint Mission Special Coordinator welcomes this "important progress."
- Source: UN News Centre

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