



Weekly Report

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New UN report finds Syrian economy marred by joblessness and desperation

- A new UN report maintains that more than half the population is living in extreme poverty as 11 million dependents have lost their primary means of financial support and 2.67 million people have become unemployed since the conflict began.
- Syria's total economic loss by the end of 2013, calculated since the beginning of the conflict, is estimated at \$143.8 billion.
- Source: UN News Centre

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=47910#.U4iV48ZyVoU>

UN Emergency Relief Coordinator condemns deadly attack on warehouse during distribution of aid

- An attack on a warehouse during UN/SARC aid distribution killed several people and wounded a volunteer of the Syrian Arab Red Crescent (SARC).
- UN Emergency Relief Coordinator Valerie Amos noted that the attack violated assurances from hostile parties to the conflict to refrain from hostilities while the UN/SARC convoy was in operation on the ground.
- Ms. Amos added that such "blatant disregard for International Humanitarian Law...is a disturbing feature of the conflict in Syria."
- Source: UN News Centre

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=47890#.U4iV1MZYVoU>

"The targeting of the warehouse, which reportedly killed several people and wounded one Syrian Arab Red Crescent (SARC) volunteer, is evidence of the blatant disregard for International Humanitarian Law." – UN Emergency Relief Coordinator Valerie Amos

UN Security Council considers authorizing cross-border Syria aid access without government consent

- UN Security Council is considering a draft resolution authorizing cross border aid deliveries at four points without government consent, which would bring much needed aid to millions in opposition-held areas.
- The draft resolution, which would threaten military action or other coercive measures in the event of non-compliance, has been circulated to the veto-wielding council members; Russia, however, has previously indicated that it will not support aid delivery without government approval.
- Source: Reuters

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/05/29/us-syria-crisis-un-aid-idUSKBN0E923N20140529>