



Weekly Report

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The Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons and the UN call for access to Syria's remaining chemical weapons

- The head of the Joint Mission of the OPCW-UN called for safe access to the remaining 8 percent of Syria's chemical weapons, in order that they be removed and destroyed.
- The remaining weapons are currently inaccessible due to security conditions. The full arsenal is required to be destroyed by 30 June 2014.
- Source: UN News Centre

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=47753#.U25EacZyVoU>

Gunfire prohibits distribution of food in besieged area of Damascus

- Gunfire interrupted food distribution in a Palestinian refugee camp inside Yarmouk.
- The gunfire injured at least one civilian bystander, forcing the UN Relief and Works Agency team to withdraw and return to its field office.
- Spokesman Chris Gunness noted that "the number of civilian families who have received food parcels is extremely low when compared to the thousands of families in urgent need of UNRWA humanitarian assistance, due to the closed status of Yarmouk."
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Syrian forces begin de-mining operation in Homs

- With the remaining rebels having left Homs, engineers with Syrian forces begin the dangerous task of combing through the rubble to clear the streets of mines.
- So far, two soldiers have allegedly been killed during the operation.
- Source: Reuters

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/05/09/us-syria-crisis-homs-idUSBREA4806Q20140509>