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Thousands of Syrian refugees struggle with cold and hunger

Arab Organisation for Human Rights in the UK (AOHR UK) expressed its astonishment at the international community's indifference and negligence to the suffering of thousands of Syrian refugees due to the cold and the flooding of their tents in refugee camps in northern Syria.

Despite the spread of video reports displaying the hazardous conditions in which the refugees live, the UNHCR and the specialized institutions have not taken steps to provide refugees with the necessary materials to alleviate their suffering, and solve their crisis.

According to statistics this week in Idlib and Arsal including Kafr Arouq camp, tents in 150 camps with 50 thousand displaced people have sunk, in addition to tens of thousands in other affected camps built by those displaced in a primitive way, without infrastructure to protect residents from different weather conditions.

More than one million displaced people live in camps in Northern Syria after fleeing the war which damaged their lands and homes in the countryside of Idlib, Aleppo and Hama, where the number of camps exceeds a thousand camps, with more than 240 random gatherings deprived of the most basic necessities of life.

The disaster could have been resolved before winter as it has been recurrent for more than 9 years every winter, therefore necessary precautions should have been taken to prevent this crisis from happening; however negligence and indifference by decision makers in the international bodies led to this tragedy.

AOHR UK called on decision makers in the world to take the necessary measures to provide all the camps with tents, fuel, food and medicine to relieve those distressed before they die as a result of the disastrous conditions of the camps.

AOHR UK stressed that the primarily responsibility falls on the League of Arab States and the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation and governments of Arab and Islamic countries which left the Syrian people prey to a dictatorial regime supported by Iran and Russia and did nothing to stop the blood shedding and displacement of inhabitants who became refugees living in inhumane conditions.

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