

UN Security Council Urges Syrian Parties to Help with Humanitarian Aid



United Nations, October 3 (RHC)-- The United Nations Security Council called on all parties in Syria to facilitate humanitarian operations in the country. In a presidential statement adopted unanimously on Wednesday, the Council urged all sides of the conflict to help UN agencies and private aid groups "to take immediate steps to facilitate the expansion of humanitarian relief operations."

The statement released by the United Nations says: "The Security Council also urges all parties to take appropriate steps to ensure the safety and security of United Nations personnel, those of its specialized agencies, and all other personnel engaged in humanitarian relief activities."

The statement also reiterated that "the humanitarian situation will continue to deteriorate in the absence of a political solution to the crisis."

UN humanitarian chief Valerie Amos welcomed the statement, saying: "Ultimately, the international community must find a lasting political solution to end the suffering of ordinary Syrians."

Syria has been gripped by deadly unrest since 2011. According to reports, the Western powers and their

regional allies -- especially Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and Turkey -- are supporting the militants operating inside Syria.

In a recent statement, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees said the number of Syrian refugees, who have fled the country's conflict, reached two million. The UN refugee agency also said some 4.2 million people have also been displaced inside Syria since the beginning of the conflict in the Arab country.

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