

UNHCR delivers aid for thousands of Syrian civilians in an embattled suburb of Homs

A two-day lull in heavy fighting allowed UNHCR to supply desperately needed blankets, mattresses and household items to some 200 Syrian families in Homs, displaced from the Al Wa'er suburb.


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Fighting has since resumed and buildings hosting hundreds of internally displaced people have been seriously damaged. **In one, Alarabaeen Tower, seven members of a single family were killed during mortar attacks.** At least seven other people were killed in separate incidents, and many more injured.

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Tuareg refugees in Niger herd their livestock to safety

In late April, a caravan of 800 animals – camels, cattle, donkeys, goats, sheep and three horses – left the refugee settlement at Agando and began the three-day trek to Intikane.

It was a major logistical operation - over the course of three days, the animals were herded across Niger with food and water points along the way.

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World Refugee Year to World Refugee Day

In a special interview, a legendary British runner Sir Christopher Chataway recalls his involvement in the successful initiative that became World Refugee Year in July 1959. Originally a one off, the spirit of the event lives on through World Refugee Day, launched in 2001.

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Ali's Distant Dream

At only 16-years-old, Syrian refugee Ali has become the sole carer for his grandparents. When his grandfather became critically ill from cancer it was Ali's responsibility to get him to safety in a refugee camp in Iraq.

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Did you know?

20th of June is World Refugee Day. UNHCR is planning many exciting events and activities to mark the event – Keep an eye on our website!



In May, UNHCR began the relocation of almost 20,000 Sudanese refugees from the flood-prone Jamam transit site in South Sudan's Upper Nile state to the new Kaya camp situated on higher ground.

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UNHCR urges protection for civilians amid fresh fighting in DR Congo

UNHCR has raised concern about the latest outbreak of heavy fighting in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and urged all parties to ensure the safety of civilians.

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