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Palestinian Government Condemns Trump Administration Aid Cuts and Decision to Strip Palestinian Refugees from Their Historical Rights

Following its recent decision to cut drastically more than $200 million in aid funds allocated to benefit the Palestinian citizens directly, the Trump administration continues to dismantle the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) and strip millions of Palestinians of their refugee status.

"After using humanitarian aid to blackmail and pressure the Palestinian leadership to submit to the empty plan known as "the deal of the century", the Trump administration plans to commit an immoral scandal against Palestinian refugees by giving itself the right to abolish the historical rights of Palestinian refugees without any legitimacy. This is a clear looting of our humanity leading to more chaos in the region," PMO Spokesperson Ahmad Shami said.

"We reiterate our calls to the international community to stop the gambling schema of Trump and Netanyahu to endorse colonization, apartheid, and denial of Palestinian fundamental rights," Shami said. In addition, "to *underpin President Abbas initiative to hold an international peace conference to restore hopes for peace through the internationally adopted two-state solution,"* he added.

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