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One of the most dangerous phrases uttered by a UN Official employee describing the situation of Palestinian refugees in Lebanon: "People are dying a slow death."

During his recent visit to the camps on 11/24/2022, UNRWA commissioner-General Mr. Philippe Lazzarini met with Palestinian refugees living the worst economic crises the country has ever witnessed said:

"The humanitarian situation of Palestine refugees in Lebanon is extremely alarming. People are dying a slow death as many are unable to afford medicines or co-share the cost of treatment especially for chronic diseases and cancer. Levels of poverty and unemployment are unprecedented due to one of the worst economic crises in recent history. The spread of cholera is the latest tragic layer that adds to acute hardship and helplessness.

"While I walked on dark streets due to long power cuts, I wondered if *Lebanon was at a point of no return*.

"In the Beddawi Palestine refugee camp, north of Lebanon, I met Salim, who asked that I relay his call for help so that his family can survive this dark episode of the country's economic freefall.

People in Lebanon, among them Palestine refugees, are suffering and paying the price for something not of their making. Palestine refugees are completely ravished by poverty, despair and lack of prospect.

It is noteworthy that, according to the latest survey conducted by UNRWA, 93% of the Palestinian refugees in Lebanon are poor.