Almost 600,000 Flee West Mosul Amid Ongoing Military Operations: UN Data

GENEVA – The Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) said Tuesday that almost 600,000 civilians have fled their homes since the Islamic State (IS) group started its second wave of military operations to recapture the third-largest city in Iraq from IS-led forces in February.

According to the UN office for humanitarian affairs, 138,000 civilians remain trapped in Mosul, the old city and its outskirts, including the old city of Mosul and the city of al-Nuri, in northern frontier areas that IS-led forces have surrounded in the area of the city and nearby neighbor city of Al-Qaim.

OCHA warned that the lack of clean water, food, and fuel has been made worse by water supplies and electricity disruptions, as they struggle to cope with the war-related misery.

The request was given after the Iraqi army declared the city was safe in mid-June.

A day later, Foreign Minister Mohammed al-Halbousi announced his government’s decision to lift the curfew which lasted for the last week of June.

He said, “We have set up a committee to study the situation of water supplies and electricity supplies in the country, and we will continue to work with the government and the people to provide the best possible services.”

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Europe must Step up as Diplomatic Player: Merkel

As diplomatic tensions between the US and its allies continue to escalate, German Chancellor Angela Merkel has warned that Europe must play a more prominent role in international relations.

In an interview with the Financial Times, Merkel emphasized the need for European countries to work together more closely in order to counteract US policies that she sees as increasingly isolationist.

She noted that the United States has been increasingly reluctant to engage in multilateral agreements, which has left Europe with a greater responsibility to fill this void.

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