

UNRWA Chief's Bizarre Views on the Conflict

Pierre Krähenbühl, head of the UN agency for Palestinian refugees, was interviewed by Colm Ó Mongain on RTE's ['interview'](#) largely focused on the rebuttal of a Syrian NGO's [lived in British Mandate Palestine](#) between 1946 and 1948 and became dispossessed as a result of the conflict.

Krähenbühl went on to praise the efforts of the UNRWA in Syria. His statement suggests UNRWA refugees are afforded better treatment than the Syrian populace, which only comes under the protection of the broader UN refugee agency if they flee to Lebanon or Jordan:

“Its clear that through the provision of regular services such as education and healthcare, we have been a contributor to giving the Palestine refugees at least the choice, its not a guarantee, but a choice to stay in the region.”

Latterly, Krähenbühl contends that the “moderate paths” toward a peace-solution have been rebuffed by Israel. This is a rather bizarre claim given the trenchant extremism within Arab-Palestinian society, for which UNRWA has played