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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



### "Family of Cancer-Stricken Palestinian Child Appeals for Urgent Help"

- Red Cross Committee Provides Data on Palestinians Missing, Detained in War-Torn Syria
- Palestinian Refugee Husam Ali AlRefai Secretly Held in Syrian Jail for 5th Year
- Independent Human Rights Commission Briefs Gaza's Social Development Ministry about Refugees from Syria

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## Latest Developments

The family of the three-year-old Palestinian child from Syria Maria Tamer Abu Azarah, taking shelter in Ein AlHilweh Camp, south of Lebanon, after they were deported from Yarmouk Camp, appealed to all human rights institutions to cover fees for the treatment of their daughter, diagnosed with blood cancer.

The family said the child underwent regular checks at Ghassan Hamoud Hospital, where medics diagnosed her with blood cancer and ordered that she stay under control for one week to undergo life-saving treatment.



Medics said Maria currently needs four chemical doses weekly. For the coming two years at least one chemical dose is needed.

UNRWA shelled out 50% of the treatment fees. The agency paid 50,000 Lebanese Pounds for chemical doses. The family should secure another 100,000 Lebanese Pounds for chemical doses. A dose is worth \$66.

Her family continues to sound distress signals, saying their daughter has become on the verge of death.



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Meanwhile, the International Committee of the Red Cross vowed to take serious measures in order to provide the families of missing and detained people in Syria with the needed information about their relatives' conditions and whereabouts.

The promises were made during a meeting convened a few weeks earlier between AGPS representatives and a delegation of the International Red Cross Committee in the latter's headquarters in Beirut.



Such measures make part of the ICRC endeavors to reunite families who have been ripped apart by escalating violence in war-stricken zones.

In situations of armed conflicts, family reunification is a right under international law. The fourth Geneva Convention clearly states that governments should take all possible steps to facilitate the reunification of separated families.

Concerned families are required to fill a form in order to obtain information about a missing relative. The form is available on the following link:



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<https://familylinks.icrc.org/en/pages/howwework/reuniting-families.aspx>

A meeting is convened between an ICRC staff member and the concerned relative who is seeking information about a missing person before a search operation is launched by the committee.

In the meantime, Palestinian refugee Husam Ali AlRefai, born in 1988 and formerly sheltered in Yarmouk Camp, has been incarcerated in Syrian state prisons for five consecutive years.

Husam was kidnapped by government troops deployed at a Damascus checkpoint on May 15, 2013. The reasons for his abduction remain mysterious.

In another development, the Independent Human Rights Commission discussed, with the secretary of the Gaza-based Ministry of Social Development, the situation of Palestinian refugees who returned from war-torn Syria to the blockaded Gaza Strip.



Secretary of the Social Development Ministry, Dr. Yousef Ibrahim, said serious and practical measures should be taken vis-à-vis the



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refugees' cause, which is a moral and national responsibility that all parties should live up to.

Dr. Yousef vowed to keep up efforts to provide the refugees with vital services, including social insurance and health care.

The meeting comes days after the Follow-Up Committee of Refugees from Syria in Gaza and Palestinian refugees who returned to Gaza agreed on tasking the Independent Human Rights Commission with keeping tabs on the situation of Gaza returnees and speaking up for their cause before the concerned bodies.