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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"Displaced Families Struggling for Survival in AlSadaka Camp in Aleppo's Northern Outskirts"

- Assassination Attempt Carried Out in AlMuzeireeb Camp for Palestinian Refugees
- Palestinian Workers from Syria Grappling with Abject Situation in Lebanon
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Latest Developments

Palestinian families who were displaced from AlShabiba Camp, in I'zaz region, to AlSadaka Camp, west of AlBal village, in Aleppo's northern town of Suran, have sounded distress signals over the dire humanitarian conditions in the area due to the absence of vital services and relief assistance.

A refugee said that upon their arrival, the families failed to secure food and power, adding that there are no groceries in the area. The refugees received only a blanket each.

The displaced families held the administration of AlShabiba Camp responsible for the forcible transfer and accused it of corruption and mistreatment.



On April 22, 2019, the local council in I'zaz city, in Aleppo's northern outskirts, transferred, in partnership with the Turkish charity AFAD, some 80 Syrian and Palestinian families, who were displaced from southern Damascus, from AlShabiba Camp to AlBal Camp, north of Suran city.



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The families said they appealed to the administration and the concerned authorities to delay their transfer pending the end of the school year. However, none of their appeals have been taken into consideration. The administration reportedly threatened to force out all those who refuse to yield in to the decision and to take away all of their personal belongings.

Located north of Suran city, in the northern countryside of Aleppo, AlBal Camp was established in April 2018 to give shelter to families displaced from Eastern AlGhouta. It is home to nearly 600 makeshift tents funded by AFAD charity and the Turkish Red Crescent.

In another development, AlMuzeireeb mayor Ahmad AlNabulsi, aged 55, survived an assassination attempt after anonymous gunmen shot him with gunfire. The mayor was evacuated to the Daraa National Hospital, before he was transferred to the Muwasat Hospital.



Over recent years, Palestinians taking shelter in AlMuzeireeb town have expressed deep concern over the security situation in the area after reports have emerged on increasing assassination attempts.



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Activists have accused pro-government militias in Syria of assassinating opposition affiliates south of Syria in violation of the reconciliation accords struck between the two sides.

AGPS documented the death of 395 Palestinian refugees in Daraa province, including 56 from AlMuzeireeb town, home to nearly 8,500 Palestinian refugees.

Meanwhile, hundreds of Palestinian workers who fled war-torn Syria have been facing dire conditions in the Lebanese territories due to exploitation by employers, lack of access to the local labor market, and very low wages.

A Palestinian worker from Syria reportedly earns no more than six to eight dollars a day. The ambivalent legal status they have been subjected to within the Lebanese polity has made the situation more alarming for Palestinian workers from Syria.

The apathy maintained by UNRWA among other concerned bodies and relief institutions has added bad to worse. Activists also continue to raise alarm bells over the simmering rates of child labor and school drop-outs among the Palestinians of Syria.

UNRWA has identified Palestinian refugees from Syria (PRS) in Lebanon as one of the most marginalized and poorest communities in the region.

Over 80 per cent of PRS cite UNRWA cash assistance as their main source of income; about 89 per cent of PRS live in poverty, while 95 per cent of PRS are food insecure, according to the UN agency.



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Following a comprehensive verification exercise of PRS in Lebanon, conducted in July and August 2018, UNRWA verified the physical presence of 29,145 PRS (8,741 families) in the country, who are eligible for the Agency's emergency assistance. This indicates a gradual reduction of PRS in Lebanon, due to either onward movement or returns to Syria, while the pace of spontaneous and unassisted returns continues to vary. In 2019, it is expected that the country will host approximately 28,800 PRS (8,700 PRS families).

PRS rely heavily on UNRWA support to cover their basic needs and this dependency is expected to remain high in 2019.

In the meantime, Palestinian refugee Omar Adnan Zaaza' has been held in Syrian government prisons for over five years.

Omar was kidnapped by the Syrian government forces in 2014 from his workplace in Jaramana, in Rif Dimashq. He was dragged to an unidentified destination. His conditions and whereabouts remain unknown.

AGPS documented the incarceration of 1,752 Palestinian refugees in Syrian government penitentiaries, among them over 107 women and dozens of minors.

Meanwhile, a couple of days earlier, a ceremony was held at Damascus Faculty of Science to honor outstanding Palestinian students.

Teaching staff, NGOs, and parents were in attendance. A video enumerating the achievements of Palestinian youths was put on



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display at the ceremony. Speeches were also delivered as part of the event in an attempt to mobilize support for the Palestinian cause and motivate youths to speak up for Palestinians' infringed rights.

