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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"Displaced Palestinian Families in Syria's Deir Ballout Camp Sound Distress Signals"

- **Palestinian Refugee Haytham Sherkes Secretly Held in Syrian Gov't Jail for 5th Year**
- **Palestinian Child from Syria in Canada Wins Altruism Award**
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Latest Developments

Some 325 Palestinian families displaced from southern Damascus to the poorly-equipped Deir Ballout refugee camp, north of Syria, continue to launch cries for help over their exacerbated humanitarian situation.

The camp has been a hotbed for snakes and rodents. Civilians have also been subjected to an acute dearth in much-needed food and drinking water.



Children taking refuge in the camps have been unable to pursue their studies as no educational facilities have been established in the area. The lack of healthcare facilities has made the situation far worse. Disease-stricken refugees are treated inside a poorly-equipped makeshift tent-clinic.

Last year, over 100 cases of severe diarrhea were reported among children in the camp. Neither doctors nor medicines are available in the area.

The displaced families continue to lash out at the Turkish Disasters and Emergency Management Authority (AFAD) for blocking their access to relief aids donated during Ramadan month.



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The displaced families have called on all concerned parties to take urgent action regarding their calamitous situation and to work on granting them safe access to their homeland—Palestine—or broker their humanitarian asylum in safer destinations. They further urged UNRWA to live up to its moral obligations in this regard.

In another development, Palestinian refugee Haytham Ahmad Sherkes, a resident of AlHajar AlAswad neighborhood, south of Damascus, has been enduring a mysterious fate in Syrian government prisons, where he has been held for the fifth year running. He was arrested on November 4, 2014.



AGPS kept record of the incarceration of 1,758 Palestinian refugees in Syrian government lock-ups, among them 108 female detainees.

Meanwhile, Palestinian child from Syria Mohamed AlSharkawi was nominated as the most altruistic child in Canada following positive conduct among his peers at school.

Mohamed received an award at a Toronto-based school.



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In the meantime, the German Federal Office for Migration and Refugees rejected most of family reunification applications submitted by refugees from Greece.

German sources said on Friday that the Federal Office turned down 472 applications for family reunifications, among 626 applications submitted by migrants taking refuge in Greece and who wished to join their families in Germany between January and May.

Humanitarian institutions often level heavy criticism at Germany for never making the reasons for such restrictions as clear as required.

Palestinian refugees say such bans make part of a closed-doors immigration policy pursued by the German government to rein in the influx of refugees to the country.

Palestinians from Syria in Germany are categorized as stateless refugees, according to the German law. The Geneva Convention stipulates that Germany grant nationality to those categorized as stateless refugees, in accordance with the German Nationality Law of 2000.