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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"Palestinians from Syria in Gaza Sign Up at Refugee Affairs Department to Gain Access to Syria"

- **Palestine Embassy in Lebanon Hands over Cash Allowance to Displaced Palestinians Seeking to Return to Syria**
- **Palestinian Refugee Bilal Azima Held in Syrian Gov't Jail for 6th Year**
- **"Under Torture Campaign" Spotlights Victims of Torture in Syrian Dungeons**

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Latest Developments

Palestinian refugees who fled from war-torn Syria to the blockaded Gaza Strip have started to put down their names on lists of refugees seeking to return to Syria.

Palestinian refugee Anaam Abu Shabab, from Daraa Camp in Syria, said she left her six children in Daraa and wishes to reunite with them.

Palestinian refugee Ahmad AlHashash, a resident of Yarmouk, said he wants to go back to Syria due to the tragic state of affairs in the besieged Gaza enclave.



The Department of Refugee Affairs in Gaza said over 120 Palestinian families from Syria, out of 170 families who fled to Gaza, signed up at the office seeking to return to Syria.

A number of displaced families expressed concern over the unbearable living conditions in Yarmouk Camp, which has left been unreconstructed. They added that the situation in the besieged Gaza Strip has been no less tragic, slamming the Palestine Liberation Organization and Palestinian government for turning their back on the displaced families from Syria.



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Some 1,000 Palestinian refugees fled from Syria to Gaza, where they have been enduring dire living conditions due to the socio-economic crises rocking the enclave and the absence of humanitarian assistance by such relief bodies as UNRWA.

At the same time, the Palestine Embassy in Lebanon said cash allowances will be granted to Palestinians from Syria in Lebanon who seek to return to Syria.

Secretary of the Palestinian Popular Committees in Lebanon, Abu Iyad AlShaalan, said instructions were given by Palestine's Ambassador in Lebanon to shell out sums of money worth \$1,000 to ease the refugees' access to Syria.



Several activists and refugees have been outraged by the decision of the PLO to arrange the return of Palestinian refugees in Gaza to Syria, dubbing the declared move a sign of the PLO's indifference as regards the displaced Palestinian families who fled from war-ragged Syria.

In the meantime, Palestinian refugee Bilal Khaled Azima, born in 1980, has been incarcerated in Syrian government lock-ups for the 6th consecutive year.



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Bilal was kidnapped by the government forces at a Yarmouk checkpoint on his way to purchase merchandise for his clothing shop in Safad Street. His fate has gone unknown.

In another development, activists embarked on a so-called "#Under Torture Campaign" aiming to shed light on the detainees and victims of enforced disappearance in Syrian government lock-ups.



Activists said the campaign saw the day following the release of lists of detainees tortured to death in Syrian government jails.

The activists condemned the silence maintained by the international community as regards the crimes perpetrated against captives in Syrian jails.

Social media users who joined the campaign launched calls for prosecuting those involved in such crimes and for stepping up efforts to reveal the fates of the victims of enforced disappearance, particularly women and children.

AGPS documented the internment of 1,686 Palestinian refugees in Syrian prisons, among them 106 women and girls. 537 detainees were, meanwhile, killed under torture in those lock-ups.