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"Families Displaced from Yarmouk Camp Subjected to Housing Crisis"

- Three Palestinian Children from Syria Released by Lebanese Authorities
- Palestinian Ex-Detainee from Syria Takes Part in Event Commemorating Victims of Torture
- 600 Palestinian & Syrian Children Join Turkey-Based Summer Camp

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Latest Developments

Palestinian refugees who have been displaced from Yarmouk Camp continue to sound distress signals over their inability to find suitable shelters in Yalda, Babila, and Beit Sahem towns, south of Damascus, particularly after UNRWA has cut its cash aids.

Thousands of refugees fled Yarmouk in the aftermath of a military operation launched by the Syrian government forces on December 16, 2012. Stranded refugees fled the camp after ISIS militias seized the area in early April 2015. A recent offensive carried out by the Syrian and Russian forces in an attempt to overthrow ISIS led to a mass-exodus among the families who remained in the camp.



Hundreds of homeless civilians have sought shelter in abandoned buildings in Yalda, Babila, and Beit Sahem, before they were ordered, by the house owners, to shell out rental fees of up to \$55 or to immediately walk out.

UNRWA said it was forced to reduce its emergency cash assistance in Syria from USD 32 to USD 23 a month per every single person due to the funding crisis.



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Meanwhile, the Lebanese security forces released three Palestinian children—Alaa AlDeen Assaad, aged 15, Iyad Khaled, 16, and Ahmad Jalbout, 16—who were detained by the Lebanese army in Sidon on Wednesday over allegations of overstaying their visas.

The three children fled from Syria to Lebanon in 2012 with their families. They returned to Syria in 2017 to sit for basic education exams and went back to Lebanon after they received an official permission to that end.

Nearly 31,000 Palestinian refugees seeking shelter in Lebanon have been subjected to a precarious legal status as the Lebanese authorities continue to rebuff the appeals of refugees from Syria for visa renewal under the pretext that no official instructions have been given to that end.

In the meantime, a commemoration was staged by activists in the southern Turkish city of Gaziantep to pay tribute to detainees killed in Syrian government jails.



Ex-detainees Karim AlJalili, from AlNeirab Camp in Syria, and Reyad Afjalar, a Turkish national, delivered separate speeches about their experiences in Syrian government lock-ups.



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Speaking at the event, a jury drew attention to possible avenues that can be crossed in favor of the cause of torture victims.

The participants lit candles in a symbolic gesture hailing the souls of the victims of torture, whom activists compared to candles illuminating the road to freedom.

AGPS documented the internment of 1,686 Palestinians in Syrian government jails, among them 108 women and girls.

At the same time, some 600 Palestinian and Syrian refugee children from war-torn Syria joined the Quds summer camp held in Antakya and Reyhanli, south of Turkey.

An AGPS reporter said art and sports workshops, along with activities aiming to commemorate the Palestinian heritage, were staged at the 10-day event.



A final ceremony was held in Antakya to wrap up the event. A number of Turkish and Syrian activists were in attendance. Certificates of appreciation were handed over to the volunteers and activists who accompanied the children all the way through the ten-day experience.



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The camp comes as part of underway endeavors launched by the Islamic Relief Association for Orphans and Poor People, in partnership with Khayra Ummah Association, to assuage the calamitous situation endured by refugee children and families from Syria.