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"Palestinians Arrested by Syrian Gov't Forces South of Syria"

- Palestinians among 15 Migrants Detained on Greece's Castellorizo Island
- Campaign to Vaccinate Palestinian Children Kicks Off in Syria Refugee Camps
- Palestinian Child from Syria Wins Silver Medal in Sweden Judo Contest

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Latest Developments

A number of Palestinians taking refuge south of Damascus were arrested by Syrian government forces, despite the fact that their security situation worked out following the retreat of the opposition outfits from the area.

Activists said the arrests come in response to complaints filed to the Syrian authorities about the arrestees' alleged involvement in armed fighting.

Sometime earlier, the Syrian authorities ordered Palestinian refugees sheltered in Babila, Yalda, and Beit Sahem, south of Damascus to work on clearing up their security situation at offices run by the Russian side, the Ministry of Reconciliation, and pro-government security forces. The measure was dictated following a reconciliation deal struck between the Syrian government and opposition outfits by the end of April 2018.



Key to the deal was the retreat of gunmen from Yalda, Babila, and Beit Sahem to Idlib, north of Syria, after handing over their war arsenal. Civilians who wished to leave southern Damascus were also allowed access out of the area.



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Meanwhile, 15 migrants, among them Palestinian refugees, have been detained in Castellorizo Island, located in the Rhodes Regional Division, in the South Aegean, east of Greece, for 12 consecutive days.

According to the Rescue and Follow-Up Cell, a migrant vessel set sail from Antalya, in Turkey, to Castellorizo Island, before it bumped into rocks and started to fall into pieces. The vessel disembarked at an abandoned island.



The Greek authorities received a communiqué to rescue the migrants. However, no information was revealed about their whereabouts and condition.

An activist said he had recently reached out to one of the migrants, who said the migrants were taken to Castellorizo, where they have had their mobile phones seized. The migrants are expected to be transferred to Rhodes Island following 20 days in custody.

Turkey has served as a major launch-off point for migrants fleeing Syria, among other war-stricken zones, onboard “death boats” bound for Europe, as they rummaged around for a safe shelter.

AGPS kept record of the death of 51 Palestinians at sea, trying to reach European destinations.



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In the meantime, a campaign has kick-started in Palestinian refugee camps in Syria to vaccinate children aged below five years-old against poliomyelitis.

Medics and paramedics toured local clinics, schools, kindergartens, and provisional shelters to immunize children. The campaign is slated to last until October 11.

Thousands of Palestinian and Syrian children who have gone displaced from their homes in war-torn Syria, have been left without life-saving vaccination.

A blockade which had been imposed by the Syrian government forces on Yarmouk Camp for years took away the lives of dozens of Palestinian children as a result of medical negligence, medicine dearth, undernourishment, and the spread of fatal diseases.

In another development, Palestinian child from Syria Kays Yehya Ashmawi, aged 10, earned the silver medal during a Judo competition staged in Skane County, south of Sweden. He was a resident of Yarmouk Camp in Syria.

Scores of Palestinians from Syria have achieved success stories in Europe.

