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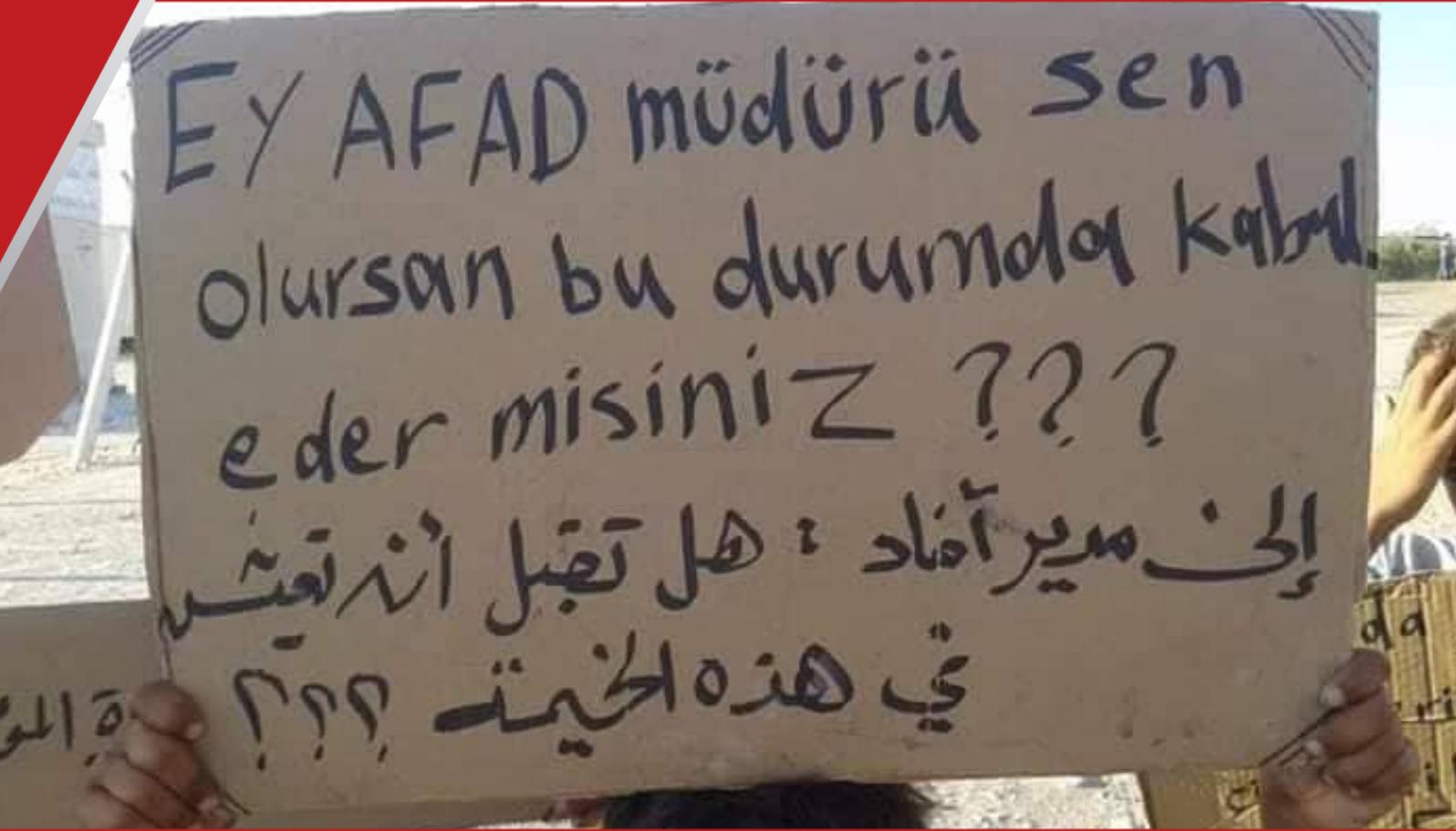
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"Displaced Families in Deir Ballout Camp Rally over Dire Conditions"

- Palestinians South of Syria Gearing Up for Reconciliation with Gov't
- Pro-Gov't Liwaa AlQuds Battalion Slam Military Commander for Smuggling Arms to ISIS
- Amnesty International Launches Petition Demanding Information about Fate of over 75,000 Missing Persons in Syria

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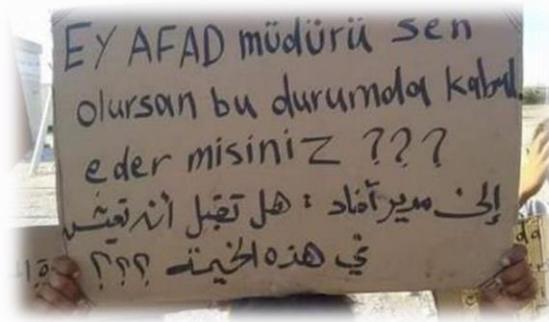


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Latest Developments

A rally was held by dozens of families displaced from Yarmouk and southern Damascus zones who have been seeking shelter in Deir Ballout, north of Syria, demanding an urgent action over their abject situation.

The displaced families called on the concerned bodies and human rights institutions, among them UNRWA and the Palestine Liberation Organization, to immediately step in and work on alleviating the crises they have been made to endure.



The rally-goers said their children have sustained intestinal infections and severe diarrhea due to the acute dearth in drinking water. Children have been left with no choice other than drinking contaminated water for the 17th consecutive day.

A protester said altercations burst out between the displaced families and administrative officers in the camp. Policemen fired gunshots in the air to terrorize the residents and force them to backtrack on the protest moves.

Deir Ballout Camp has been set up next to the Turkish-funded Muhamadiya Camp as refugee influx across Syria has increased. The two neighboring camps are home to 1,100 poorly-equipped tents.



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Meanwhile, Palestinian refugees south of Syria have flocked to offices set up by the Russian side, the Ministry of Reconciliation, and government bodies so as to work out their security situation.

An AGPS reporter said such procedures have almost been finalized in Daraa Camp as most applicants have had their files settled. Similar measures have been in progress in AlSa'eka center, in AlMuzeireeb town, home to thousands of Palestinian refugees.

The move comes as part of a reconciliation agreement struck between the Syrian government forces and the opposition outfits. The deal stipulated that gunmen and civilians seeking to leave the area be allowed a safe access out while those who wish to remain have their situation worked out.

Several families in Daraa refused to be forcibly deported with opposition groups to northern Syria after they received pledges by the Russian side to keep Daraa Camp safe from underway hostilities.

In another development, sources close to the pro-government Liwaa AlQuds brigade said recently-leaked probes provided evidence on the involvement of the group's chief commander Samer Rafe' in arms sales with ISIS terror group.





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The preliminary findings of the probe were released one month after Rafe' was arrested by the Syrian government forces.

Command Mohamed ALSa'id accused Rafe' of selling rockets to ISIS in Deir ALZor, where Rafe' was commanding operations.

According to the leaked findings of the investigation, a truck laden with guided missiles had gone missing before it was spotted in ISIS-led zones. Rafe' reportedly sold the truck through local intermediaries. A government officer advised Rafe' to dispatch a batch of missiles out of the area on claims that it was already used in fighting.

Residents of AlNeirab Camp said ill-famed Samer Rafe' was once arrested on charges of armed robbery and property theft in Aleppo. At the time, Rafe' confessed to the charges on Syrian state media. He was released one year later.

In the meantime, a petition was launched by Amnesty international, urging support for the families of the missing and disappeared persons who seek information about their relatives' fate.





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The petition urges Russia and the United States to push the Syrian government and armed groups to disclose the whereabouts and fate of victims of enforced disappearance.

Since the Syrian crisis began in 2011, more than 75,000 people have vanished or have been forcibly disappeared by the Syrian government and armed forces, said Amnesty.

“While families search for loved ones, the Syrian government is subjecting tens of thousands of civilians, aid workers and peaceful activists to enforced disappearance or arbitrary detention - just to spread fear and collective punishment amongst the Syrian civilian population”, the organization stated.

“Many have been tortured or ill-treated in prisons, and more than 15,000 have died in custody as a result”, it added. “Armed opposition groups in Syria have also been responsible for the enforced disappearance of hundreds of individuals in the areas they control, subjecting them to torture and other forms of ill-treatment.”

“These practices are carried out as part of a widespread, systematic attack directed against the civilian population by the Syrian government and armed groups. They clearly violate international law, and in many cases, constitute war crimes. We will no longer stand by and let this happen”, Amnesty further stated.

According to AGPS figures, 1,688 Palestinian refugees have had their fates shrouded in mystery in Syrian government dungeons.