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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"Palestine Liberation Army Refuses to Lay Off Conscripts after End of Military Service"

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Latest Developments

Relatives of Palestinian refugees who have been forced to fight alongside the Palestine Liberation Army (PLA) affiliated with the Syrian government said the battalion continues to reject appeals to lay off Palestinians who ended their military mission.

Sources close to PLA said hundreds of Palestinian refugees have served for periods of over seven years.

Shortly after the outburst of the deadly warfare, the Syrian government forced Palestinian refugees aged 18 and above to join affiliated militias for periods of at least one year and a half. Most of those who ended their military service have not been laid off.



Those who refuse forced conscription are subjected to crackdowns, abductions and even executions. As a result, thousands fled the tension-stricken country in the hunt for a safer shelter.

PLA kept record of the death of 276 PLA gunmen since the outbreak of Syria's warfare.



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In another development, Hundreds of Palestinian refugees from Hittin community, in Barzah, in Damascus, have been grappling with dire conditions as a result of the Syrian warfare.

All the way through Syria's eight-year conflict, residents of Hittin have firmly rebuffed all attempts to drag them into the raging hostilities and have kept themselves at a distance from all warring parties.



In early 2013, the community had come under heavy shelling due to its strategic proximity to flashpoints and government-held zones north of Damascus.

Hittin community is bordered from the west by the Syrian Scientific Research Centre compound, where machineguns and mortars were stationed. To the east, it is overseen by the lanes of Barzah AlBalad, which was under the control of the Free Army battalions (affiliated with the Syrian opposition).

In March 2013, tensions had reached a zenith due to the simmering sniper attacks and mortar raids carried out in the area. The



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community had come under a crippling siege and the warring parties had forced the inhabitants out.

In mid-April 2013, most residents fled the area. They regained access to their homes following an armistice struck between the Syrian government forces and the opposition outfits in Barzah AlBalad.

Meanwhile, AGPS found out that 16 Palestinian refugees, among them a woman, were arrested across the Syrian territories in 2018, down from 28 refugees, including seven women, in 2017.

The list of the 2018 arrestees includes six Palestinians from Yarmouk Camp, five from Khan Eshieh Camp, one Palestinian from AlAyedeen Camp in Hums, and another from AlNeirab Camp in Aleppo. Three more refugees were arrested in unknown locations.

Along the same line, the fate of Palestinian refugee Adnan Tal'at ALoulou, born in 1962, has been shrouded in mystery in Syria's state-run prisons.





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He was kidnapped at the Batikha checkpoint, set up at the main entrance to Yarmouk Camp, on February 13, 2013.

Reports released two years ago said he was alive. However, no data has been revealed on his current condition and whereabouts.

Adnan, a father of four, is the owner of ALoulou automobile service office in AlThalatheen Street, in Yarmouk.

AGPS kept record of the incarceration of 1,728 Palestinian refugees in the embattled Syrian territories, where 317 others have also gone missing.

Meanwhile, Lebanon Academy for Training and Development, in the southern Lebanese city of Sidon, announced the launch of free training courses for youths aged between 15 and 24. Palestinian refugees from Syria will reportedly benefit from the initiative.

Courses in the English language, life skills, photography, editing, home wiring, cooling and air conditioning, computer and electronic maintenance, among other skills, will be provided as part of the move.

The concerned trainees should show up at the academy on Monday 08:30 a.m. The afternoon shift kick-starts at 03:30 p.m.

Aligned with the mandate of the Lebanon Policy Agenda /Economic Vision 2030, the Lebanon Academy's education and training programs seek to provide fresh graduates, drop outs and professionals with the requisite knowledge and skills to compete in the 21st century job market. In parallel, the Academy's strategic



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initiatives and research activities seek to contribute to the creation of a healthy, diversified private sector, NGO's and a sustainable knowledge-based economy within southern Lebanon.