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"Refugee Killed following Riots at Greece Refugee Camp"

- Palestinian Child with Congenital Cataracts Left without Treatment in Syria
- Fires Break Out in Syria's Daraa Camp for Palestinian Refugees
- Cash Aids Delivered to Palestinians from Syria in Lebanon

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Latest Developments

A number of migrants were injured and another killed in a clash between asylum-seekers in a refugee camp set on the Greek island of Samos, police sources said Tuesday.

The migrant was reportedly stabbed to death by Afghan migrants. The violence, apparently between groups of Syrians and Afghans, erupted in a camp pitched the town of Vathy late Monday.

A fire later broke out around the camp that authorities managed to place under control early on Tuesday morning.

"Half of the 6,000 people who are stuck in Vathy camp on Samos are women and children," medical charity MSF said in a tweet. "This nightmare must end! Children and other vulnerable people must be evacuated from the Greek islands to safe accommodation."



Despite efforts to relocate people to the Greek mainland, there are thousands of migrants and refugees in camps on Aegean islands near Turkey, most of them vastly overcrowded, unhygienic and violence-prone. Scores of asylum-seekers continue to arrive daily.



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Dozens of Palestine refugees who fled the relentless Syrian warfare to remote Greek islands, have been crammed refugee camps that have reportedly been running at three times their capacity. Overpopulated refugee camps cause a shortage of resources, not least healthcare.

Last month month, UNICEF warned that the number of unaccompanied migrant minors staying in overcrowded reception centers on the Greek islands exceeds 1,100, the highest level since the peak of the refugee crisis in early 2016, calling on European countries to do more to protect vulnerable children.

Tens of thousands of Palestinian and Syrian refugees have flooded across the Mediterranean and into Greece over the past few years, counting on being relocated elsewhere in Europe as part of an E.U. plan to redistribute the asylum seekers to lighten the burden on the countries at the front lines of Europe's migrant crisis.

AGPS has kept record of the death of dozens of refugees onboard Greece-bound ships. Several others have been rounded up by Turkish coast guards.

Activists estimate that around 4,000 Palestinian refugees from Syria are taking cover in such Greek islands as Lesbos, Mytilene, Chios, Leros, and Kos, among other areas in Greece.

In another development, Palestinian child Bayan Taha Khatab, who grew up in Syria's Khan Dannun refugee camp, in Rif Dimashq, suffers from an eye disease known as the cataract, a type of clouding that affects the eye's natural lenses and may cause vision loss.



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Her family said they have failed to secure the required fees for treatment and surgery and appealed to the concerned bodies to take urgent action in order to allow Bayan to retrieve her normal sight and pursue her studies.



A cataract is a clouding of the lens in the eye which leads to a decrease in vision. Cataracts often develop slowly and can affect one or both eyes. Symptoms may include faded colors, blurry or double vision, halos around light, trouble with bright lights, and trouble seeing at night. This may result in trouble driving, reading, or recognizing faces. Poor vision caused by cataracts may also result in an increased risk of falling and depression. Cataracts cause half of all cases of blindness and 33% of visual impairment worldwide.

Meanwhile, fires broke out inside AlQuds Mosque in Daraa Camp for Palestinian refugees, resulting in heavy material damage. Reporting from Syria, an AGPS correspondent said the fires were set by a short circuit. A resident who caught sight of the fires notified the mosque's staff who immediately showed up at the scene and extinguished the fires.



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All the way through Syria's eight-year conflict, residents of Daraa Camp for Palestinian refugees, south of Syria, have been grappling with dire humanitarian conditions owing to the high rates of unemployment and absence of vital facilities. A chronic water blackout has made the situation worse.



In the meantime, UNRWA has transferred cash aids for the Palestinians of Syria in Lebanon via ATM cards.

Every Palestinian family from Syria received a rental allowance of \$100 and a food allowance worth 27\$ per every refugee.

Nearly 28,000 Palestinian refugees from Syria seeking shelter in Lebanon have been subjected to dire socio-economic conditions and a precarious legal status as the Lebanese authorities continue to rebuff their appeals for legal visas and access to the local labor market.