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Latest Developments

Palestinian refugee Samaa Sarsour, formerly sheltered in Yarmouk Camp in Syria, said she was subject to a hate crime in the Swedish city of Uppsala.

Speaking with Radio Sweden, Samaa said an anonymous person assaulted her while she was carrying her infant in her arms in broad daylight and insulted her after he obstructed her movement.

“I should’ve rammed my car into your bodies, you Muslims bastards!”, the assailant told her.

“The man angrily stepped down of his car while carrying an unidentified object in his hands” said Samaa. “If you ever try to hurt my child you’ll be dead”, she told him, forcing him to backtrack.



Having no person to save her at that moment, Samaa said she burst into tears.

The woman said she reported the assault to police as a necessary measure to rein in hate crimes against refugees whose appeals often go unheeded.

Activist Samaa Sarsour has been subject to similar racist attacks after she has been accused of anti-Semitism owing to her activism



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in favor of the Palestinian cause and the right of return. She is the daughter of the former candidate for Swedish parliamentary elections Emil Sarsour.

Meanwhile, Palestinian refugees from Syria taking shelter in AlBadawi refugee camp, north of Lebanon, rallied a couple of days earlier in solidarity with the people of Gaza, who have gone traumatized in the latest round of Israeli onslaughts.

The refugees strongly condemned the Israeli aggressions targeting civilian homes and facilities in the besieged enclave and denounced the silence maintained by the international community as regards Israel's unabated terrorism against the Palestinians.



The rally-goers urged the international community to pressurize the Israeli occupation government so as to lift the 12-year-old crippling siege on Gaza and cease its crimes against innocent civilians.

The refugees hailed the Palestinian resistance and people who have stood on guard throughout their anti-occupation struggle, calling on all national factions to combine forces in the face of the simmering Israeli crimes.

Some 750 Palestinian families from Syria have been taking shelter in the Badawi refugee camp, in Lebanon, fleeing war-torn Syria.



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In the meantime, activists and NGOs have launched calls for a mass rally on Friday, November 16, outside of the UN office in Vienna to voice support for Palestinian and Arab refugees detained in Thailand.

Activists urged the international community, NGOs, the League of Arab States, and the EU to take urgent steps in order to pressurize the Thai authorities to release detained refugees, provide them with legal and physical protection, and backtrack on deporting over 600 Palestinian refugees, among them 50 from Syria, for overstaying their visas.

Palestinian refugee families, along with migrants from Iraq and Syria, have been at the risk of refoulement in Thailand after authorities tightened the noose around illegal migrants who overstayed their residence permits and have, thus, been considered as lawbreakers rather than legitimate asylum seekers.

In another development, Palestinian artists from Jaramana refugee camp in Syria joined an exhibition staged at the Arabic Cultural Center in AlAdawi, in Damascus.

50 artists, including Jaramana residents Abdul Hadi Rumeidh and Amni Freisan, participated in the event, which was organized by artist Mohamed Younes, also a resident of Jaramana Camp.

Though Jaramana Camp has relatively been kept at bay from the bloody hostilities rocking the Syrian territories, due to its strategic proximity to Damascus International Airport, mortars that landed



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in nearby areas resulted in heavy damage and took away the lives of 70 Palestinians.



Meanwhile, the Permanent Mission of the State of Kuwait to the United Nations informed, on Wednesday, the General Secretariat of the Arab League of transferring \$ 42 million and \$ 100,000 to the account of the Permanent Delegation of the State of Kuwait in New York so that it will transfer it to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA).

The move comes in fulfillment of Kuwait's pledge to donate that amount during the UNRWA Support Conference that was held in New York in late September.

The State of Kuwait offered a donation of \$ 8 million to the UNRWA during the Rome Conference that was held on 15 March 2018, making the total additional contribution from Kuwait to the UNRWA in 2018 \$ 50.100 million.

UNRWA's financial crisis comes after the United States announced in mid-January the reduction of financial support to the agency from \$350 million to \$60 million, in order to force the Palestinians to resume negotiations with the Israeli occupation.