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"Number of Palestinians from Syria in Gaza Goes Down to 400"

- Transportation Crisis Ongoing in Khan Dannun Camp for Palestinian Refugees
- Insecticide Sprayed in Jaramana Camp for Palestinian Refugees
- 12 Dead as Migrant Boat Sinks off Turkish Coast

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Latest Developments

Member of the Follow-Up Committee of Palestinians from Syria in Gaza, Omar Odeh, said the number of Palestinian refugees who returned to the besieged Gaza Strip from war-torn Syria until mid-June is estimated at 400 (150 families), down from 1,000 refugees (360 families).

Recently, 20 Palestinian families from Syria left Gaza on way to Switzerland, Germany, and Sweden to reunite with their families, Odeh told AGPS.

The decrease has also been attributed to the dire socio-economic conditions wrought by Israel's 12-year-long blockade on the coastal enclave.



Civilians continue to launch cries for help over the high rates of unemployment, lack of financial resources, and movement crackdowns, which they said have made life quite unbearable in Gaza.



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The offensives launched by the Israeli military on Gaza have turned the enclave into a hell on earth as most families have lost their sources of incomes, homes, and property. The lack of relief assistance has added bad to worse.

Meanwhile, a transportation crisis has been rocking Khan Dannun Camp since the outburst of the Syrian warfare.

Reporting from Khan Dannun shelter, located some 23 kilometers away from southern Damascus, AGPS news correspondent said civilians' access out of and into the area has almost been blocked. Workers and students have had difficulties getting to their workplaces and universities.



Khan Dannun residents have spoken out against the steep and unfixed transportation fees, often devouring up to a quarter of their salaries. Civilians are often forced to catch another means of transportation as bus drivers change the lines, stops, and fees quite unpredictably. Others have found no other way-out than to walk for thousands of meters in order to reach their workplaces.



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AGPS reporter quoted Khan Dannun residents as appealing to the concerned authorities and Palestinian factions to show up in the shelter so as to keep tabs on the daily suffering inflicted by the transportation issue and work out the crisis at the soonest time possible.

In another development, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), in partnership with the Social Development Committee in Jaramana Camp for Palestinian refugees, launched a campaign to spray insecticides across residential alleyways in the camp.

Residents of Jaramana Camp for Palestinian refugees in Rif Dimashq continue to rail against the poor sanitation networks and improper sewage disposal as a result of frequent blackouts and maintenance works in the area.

Palestinian refugees have often set off alarm bells over the acute water crisis, saying that, as a result of the dearth in drinking water, they have been forced to purchase expensive tanks.

Over recent years, residents of Jaramana Camp have launched cries for help over the dire socio-economic conditions, high unemployment rates, poor infrastructure, steep rental fees, and chronic water crisis rocking the area.

In the meantime, twelve people have died after a boat carrying migrants sank off southwestern Turkey, the coastguard said.



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The coastguard said 31 migrants were rescued after the boat went down off the coast of Bodrum district in Mugla province, with search and rescue efforts continuing.

The nationality of the migrants was not immediately known.

The incident took place a few nautical miles from the Greek island of Kos.

Turkey is a transit country for migrants trying to reach Europe. But a March 2016 deal between Turkey and the European Union helped staunch the flow.

Between January and June this year, 555 migrants died attempting to cross the Mediterranean, according to the International Organization for Migration.

