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Latest Developments

Palestinian refugees who have returned to Gilin camp, after they fled the shelter due to the rampant shelling and shootouts between the Syrian government forces and ISIS militias, have sounded distress signals over the unbearable situation they have been enduring in the area.

Activists said Gilin's infrastructure has sustained massive destruction in the warfare. Power and water supplies have also run out in the camp.



Scores of families were forced to live on the outskirts of the camp as they rummaged around for food and water.

The residents said no serious action has been made by the Syrian government or relief institutions to remove debris and rehabilitate infrastructure.

Shootouts between the Syrian government forces and ISIS battalions, along with crackdowns launched by the latter, forced dozens of families to seek shelter in Zizon, fleeing the embattled Gilin area.



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Located some 25 kilometers away northwest of Daraa's city center, Gilin Camp was home to 5,000 families displaced from the occupied Palestinian territories.

Meanwhile, opposition activists said the pro-government security and military committee decided to dismantle the Hameida AlTaher checkpoint set up in Daraa.

As warfare reached a zenith in Syria, the checkpoint, pitched in AlSahari neighborhood since the outbreak of the conflict in 2011, had long served as an ambush where Palestinians and Syrians were kidnapped or killed by pro-government militias.

Speaking with AGPS, Palestinian refugee Rima said gunmen deployed at the checkpoint killed her brother and cousin along with a Palestinian barber on November 10, 2012 without identifying the reasons for such a crime, in the first case of extrajudicial execution recorded in Daraa.

Several Palestinian youths were kidnapped as they passed through the checkpoint and forced into military conscription with pro-government battalions.

In the meantime, Palestinians from Syria in Lebanon rallied outside the office of the UNRWA's director of operations in Ein AlHilweh Camp, protesting underway attempts to dismantle the refugee agency.

Speaking during the rally, a number of activists and civil society representatives drew attention to the repercussions of UNRWA's cuts of its relief services and called on the Palestinians to combine



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forces in the face of ongoing schemes to disband the agency and liquidate the refugees' cause.



The rally-goers called on the UNRWA Commissioner to work on securing funds needed to boost basic services for Palestine refugees and protect the agency's staff members in Lebanon.

31,000 Palestinians from Syria have been taking refuge in Lebanon, where they have been going through abject living conditions.

In the meantime, the German Interior Ministry said it had reached an agreement with Greece on Friday that will see it send back certain asylum seekers.

German Interior Ministry spokeswoman Eleonore Peterman said the German-Greek compromise will allow Germany to take back all asylum-seekers who initially applied in Greece but ultimately moved to Germany by passing through the German-Austrian border.

It remains unclear what Greece will receive in return. However, in a similar deal with Spain, Berlin pledged to curb the number of migrants crossing the Mediterranean.