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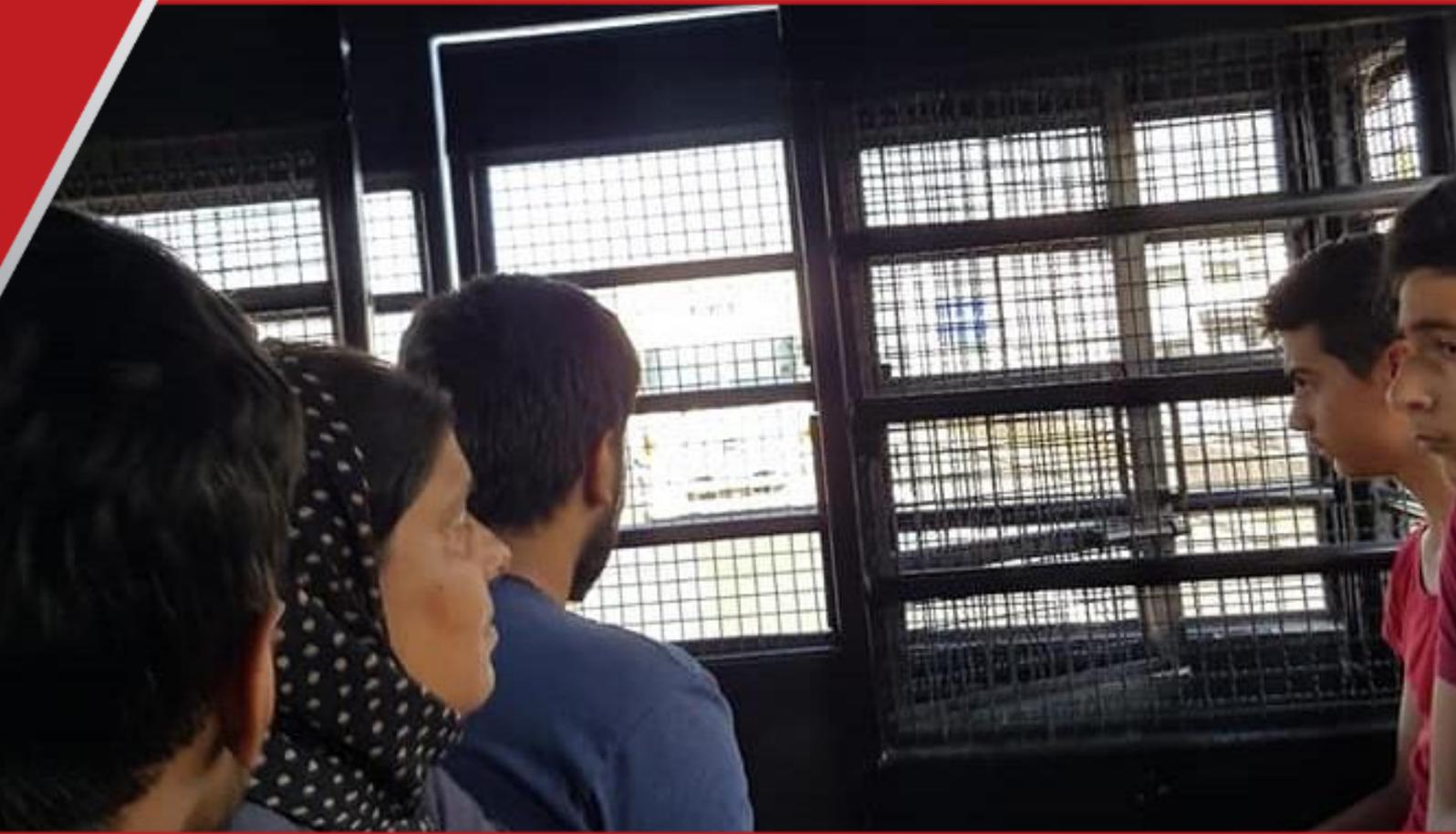
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الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية

Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"Thai Authorities Release Palestinian Woman on Bail, Keep Others in Custody"

- Medical Neglect Causes Death of Palestinian Refugee in Poorly-Equipped Deir Ballout Camp
- Rally Held in Vienna in Solidarity with Palestinian Refugees Stranded in Thailand
- Int'l Red Cross Committee Provides Data on Missing, Detained Persons in Syria

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Victims

Palestinian refugee Mohamed Yassin Abu Madi, called Abu Urwa, was pronounced dead in the under-equipped Deir Ballout Camp.

Abu Urwa, who was displaced from Yarmouk Camp, died from a heart attack that hit his vulnerable body in the poverty-stricken area.



Over 200 Palestinian refugees died as a result of medical neglect and the blockade imposed on Yarmouk Camp since mid-2013.

Latest Developments

A Palestinian refugee was released from Thai detention centers, where she had been detained with her children for overstaying her visa.

The woman and her children were set free 20 days after she had shelled out a bail.

Activist Fatima Jabeur quoted the newly-released refugee as stating: “No Palestinian Authority representative has reached out to us following our release.”



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The Palestinian refugee also said that a number of children, men, and women are still held in custody and do not have enough money to pay the bails slapped by the Thai authorities.

She added that UNHC delegates paid a visit to the refugees three days after they were detained in order to keep tabs on the conditions of their captivity. Soon after, the prison authorities took away the refugees' personal belongings and beds, leaving them with thin mattresses randomly tossed on the floor in packed cells.



“No other party has contacted us from that moment on”, the refugee further stated.

Palestinian activists said bails were already shelled out to the Thai authorities to release all women and girls held in custody. However, a number of female detainees have been abruptly transferred to other detention centers.

Palestinian activists lashed out at PA officials for their apathy regarding the situation of Palestinian refugees in Thailand and called for urgent action to work out the refugees' legal status.



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A few days earlier, the Palestinian Minister of Foreign Affairs, Riyad AlMalki, said that all Palestinian refugees who have been held by Thai authorities for overstaying their visas were freed.

AlMalki added that the Palestinians were freed following recent diplomatic efforts by the Palestinian foreign ministry and the Palestinian embassy in Malaysia.

National and international NGOs have stepped up pressure on the concerned authorities to release Palestinian and Syrian migrants, among others, incarcerated in Thai jails.

Along the same line, a vigil was staged by Arab and European activists outside of the UN office in Vienna to speak up for migrants trapped in the Thai territories.

The rally-goers called for urgent action to save the lives of displaced families and their children who have been at the risk of refoulement and arbitrary detention in Thailand.



In a memorandum dispatched to the UNHRC, the activists pushed for an immediate response over the crises endured by Palestinian refugees and other migrants in Thailand.



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Nearly 179 Palestinian families, including 50 from war-torn Syria, have sought shelter in Thailand. The list includes 65 women and 110 children, along with elderly and sick persons.

Meanwhile, the International Committee of the Red Cross vowed to take serious measures in order to provide the families of missing and detained people in Syria with the needed information about their conditions and whereabouts.

The promises were made during a meeting convened a couple of days earlier between AGPS representatives and a delegation of the International Red Cross Committee in the latter's headquarters in Beirut. Such measures make part of the ICRC endeavors to reunite families who have been ripped apart by escalating violence in war-stricken zones.

In situations of armed conflicts, family reunification is a right under international law. The fourth Geneva Convention clearly states that governments should take all possible steps to facilitate the reunification of separated families.

Concerned families are required to fill a form in order to obtain information about a missing relative. The form is available on the following link:

<https://familylinks.icrc.org/en/pages/howwework/reuniting-families.aspx>

AGPS documented the detention of over 1,711 Palestinian refugees in Syrian state jails. 315 other refugees have gone missing in war-ragged Syria.