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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"53 Palestinian Refugees from War-Torn Syria Drowned on Migration Route"

- Palestinian Refugee Drowns off Turkish Coast
- Thousands of Palestinian Families from Syria Scattered across Globe
- Refugees Seeking Shelter in Greek Island Launch Cry for Help
- Palestinian Student from Syria Honored by Swedish School

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Latest Developments

53 Palestinians from Syria, mostly women, children, and elderly refugees, drowned onboard the death boats to Europe, fleeing the tattered Syrian territories.

A number of casualties breathed their last off the Libyan seashores on way to Italy while others sunk in Marmara waters as they tried to reach the Greek coast. Dozens of migrants have gone missing.



Along the same line, Palestinian refugee from Syria Ahmad Abu Hamida, from AlNeirab Camp, was pronounced dead on Tuesday, June 18, after he drowned off the Turkish seashore, trying to illegally enter Greece.

His family said they lost contact with him after a Greece-bound migrant boat embarked from Bodrum seashore, west of Turkey.

Activists said the boat was carrying 40 migrants, 12 among whom died at sea while the other 28 persons were rescued.

Meanwhile, Thousands of Palestinian refugees from Syria have been scattered in known and unknown destinations, after



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they were forced out of their homes and torn apart from their families.

Torn from the nourishment of home and warmth of family, Palestinians have been scattered across such destinations as Lebanon, Jordan, Egypt, Turkey, Sudan, Thailand, Malaysia, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, the UK, the Netherlands, Finland, Switzerland, France, Brazil, Chile, and Canada, among other countries.

According to UNRWA's estimates, over 120,000 Palestinian refugees fled the war-ravaged Syrian territories.

The situation has gone downhill after most of the world's countries opted for a closed-door immigration policy vis-à-vis the Palestinian refugee community from Syria.

Hundreds have embarked on life-threatening journeys onboard the death-boats to Europe or to neighboring countries as they rummaged around for safe shelters or sources of incomes.

Those who have returned to the Syrian territories have been subjected to arbitrary crackdowns and forced conscription with pro-government battalions.

In the meantime, a number of Palestinian and Syrian families who have sought refuge in the Greek island of Kos took to the streets on Wednesday, June 19, urging the Greek government to improve their living conditions and grant them legal visas and travel permits.



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The refugees denounced the absence of vital services, including health care, housing, relief assistance, and power and water.

They further called on the international human rights organizations to take urgent action in response to their appeals.

Some 210 Palestinians from Syria are taking shelter in Kos island, where they have been grappling with dire socio-economic conditions.



Palestinian refugees from Syria continue to risk their lives onboard the “death boats” to Greece, rummaging around for a momentary respite from the daily scenes of bloodshed and destruction.

AGPS has kept record of the death of dozens of refugees onboard Greece-bound ships. Several others have been arrested 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.



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In another development, Palestinian student from Syria Shahd Anas Dasouki was honored by Sorliden School in the Swedish city of Örnköldsvik for the excellent results she has achieved over the past three school years.

Dasouki, formerly sheltered in Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian refugees, in Damascus, reportedly snatched the first seat as a third-year prep school student.

