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"2 Palestinian Refugees Detained in Greece Launch Cry for Help"

- Palestinian Refugee among Migrants Detained in Turkey after Boat Sinks
- UNRWA Delegation Shows Up in Khan Dannun Camp
- Palestinians from Syria Meet with Refugee Services Organization in Cairo
- Rally Held in Turkey over US "Deal of Century"

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Latest Developments

Palestinian refugees from Syria Yaser Fa'our and Mu'amar Yousef Murad, from Yarmouk Camp, have appealed to the international human rights organizations, the Palestine Liberation Organization, and Palestinian factions to take urgent action so as to pressurize the Greek authorities to release them.

The two refugees were taken to Athens, pending their trial. Release appeals filed by their attorneys have been rebuffed.



Palestinian refugees from Syria who have been stranded in Greece continue to sound distress signals after most European states opted for a closed-door immigration policy, leaving hundreds of refugees trapped in underequipped makeshift camps. An agreement between Turkey and Greece to tighten grip on refugees from Syria trying to creep into the Greek territories via the Turkish borders has made the situation far worse.

Along the same line, the Turkish coast guard detained a number of irregular migrants, including the Palestinian refugee from Syria Zakaria Abu Hamida, a resident of AlNeirab Camp, after their boat sank on Monday, June 17.



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The migrants were caught onboard a Greece-bound ship off Turkey's Badrum seashore. 12 migrants, including Zakari's brother Ahmad, were pronounced dead.

On Tuesday, the Turkish authorities released the names of 16 migrants, among them Palestinian refugees, who were rescued in the operation and transferred to a detention center in Bodrum. Five people were arrested in the incident over allegations of migrant smuggling.

In another development, a UNRWA envoy and representatives of the General Authority for Palestinian Arab Refugees met with representatives of Khan Dannun camp for Palestinian refugees, in Rif Dimashq, shortly after the residents spoke up against the mistreatment they have been subjected to by staff members at a UNRWA-run clinic in the camp.

The delegation communicated a set of recommendations to the clinic director and medical staff and called for the residents to be kindly treated at the local health center.





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A couple of days earlier, local activists urged the UN refugee agency, the General Authority for Palestinian Arab Refugees, and all other concerned authorities to take immediate action in response to the mistreatment civilians have been facing at the UNRWA clinic.

In a statement emailed to AGPS, the residents slammed the medical staff at the clinic for their apathy regarding the appeals of a number of mothers and their children for much-needed treatment and medicines, along with psychological support.

Meanwhile, a meeting was convened on Thursday at UNRWA's liaison office in Garden City, in Cairo, by representatives of the Palestinian refugee community in Egypt and members of St. Andrew's Refugee Services.

The delegations discussed developmental and community projects for Palestinian refugees from Syria in Egypt, along with possible ways to enhance health care and education services.

The parties agreed to the need to establish local schools for Palestinian from Syria, hold vocational training courses, implement psychological support programs, and to provide the displaced refugees with shared shelters and the needed relief assistance.

Palestinian refugees who fled war-torn Syria have been subjected to a fragile legal and humanitarian status in Egypt, where they are treated as foreigners rather than asylum-seekers fleeing war-stricken zones.



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Palestinians from Syria in Egypt have been denied the right to legal visas, refugee documents, safe accommodation, basic services, and relief assistance.

Those who illegally entered Egypt via the Sudanese borders have been denied the right to free movement, education, and labor, among other basic necessities. Unlike Syrian nationals, who are granted safe asylum in Egypt and systematically assisted by the UNHCR, Palestinian refugees are left on their own.

AGPS continues to stress the need to secure the rights of the Palestinians from Syria in Egypt, who fall outside of UNRWA's fields of operations, to legal and physical protection as per the Refugee Convention of 1951 and to hand them over cash and in-kind aids along with refugee cards in order to enhance their legal status in the Egyptian territories.

In the meantime, dozens of Palestinian refugees rallied on Friday in the Turkish city of Kilis, protesting the US President Donald Trump's "Mideast peace deal", known as the "deal of the century", and the White House-led economic workshop in Bahrain.

The refugees stressed Palestinians' commitment to their right of return to their motherland and to establish an independent Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its eternal and undivided capital.

The US-led workshop, which will be held in Bahrain's capital, Manama, on June 25-26, has drawn criticism from the Palestinians who say US President Donald Trump's peace plan is likely to be



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heavily weighed in favor of Israel and quash their aspirations for statehood in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

While the precise outlines of Trump's draft plan - which he has branded the "deal of the century" - have yet to be revealed, Palestinian and Arab sources who have been briefed about it say it has abandoned the two-state solution.

