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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



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Latest Developments

Five-year-old Palestinian child from Syria Khaled Nejmah drowned at sea after a Cyprus-bound boat carrying Palestinian and Syrian migrants tipped over off Akkar coast, north of Lebanon.



Lebanese news outlets said the vessel, carrying some 40 migrants, set sail from Akkar on way to Cyprus, before it capsized off the Lebanese seashore.

The list of injured passengers includes Palestinian girl Nivin, aged 24, along with Syrian nationals Hesham, 27, Nour, 22, and Hasan, 22.





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Just one day earlier, another boat from Lebanon disembarked in Cyprus.

According to AGPS figures, 50 Palestinians from Syria were pronounced dead onboard the “death boats” to Europe.

Meanwhile, Palestinian refugees have gone through a dreadful psycho-physical situation all the way through Syria’s seven-year warfare. Heavy onslaughts by the Syrian and Russian forces caused heavy damage to over 75% of civilian homes and structures in Palestinian refugee camps, namely Yarmouk, Daraa, AlSabina, and Handarat. At least 1,198 Palestinians were killed, as a result.

A tough blockade imposed on Yarmouk and Daraa by Syria’s pro-government forces led to an acute dearth in water and medicine. At least 205 Palestinians, mostly children and elderly civilians, were pronounced dead due to undernourishment and medical neglect.

At the same time, thousands of Palestinians have been targeted in abduction sweeps launched by the warring parties. AGPS documented the incarceration of 1,695 Palestinians and the death of 557 others under torture in Syrian government jails.

Scores of Palestinian refugees have also been driven out of their homes and sought shelter in over-crammed makeshift camps, including the poorly-equipped Deir Ballout Camp, north of Syria.

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The situation has gone far worse due to the fragile legal status of the Palestinians of Syria. Holders of Palestinian-Syrian travel



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documents are banned from entering neighboring and European countries. Those who manage to reach such territories as Jordan, Lebanon, and Egypt are often subjected to mistreatment and refoulement.

Thousands of Palestinian children have also been denied the right to education, forcing hundreds of them to drop out of school and fetch low-paid jobs to assist their impoverished families.

As many as 3,874 Palestinians from Syria died of war-related incidents during the seven-year conflict. 314 others have gone missing.

In another development, residents of AlSabina Camp in Rif Dimashq said they have been overburdened by fees required by buses carrying passengers to Damascus.

A resident said bus drivers demand 200 Syrian Pounds per every single passenger whereas the government has set 100 Syrian Pounds as the standard transport fee.

He called on the concerned institutions, reconciliation committee and police stations to take serious measures so as to cease such blackmails.

Sometime earlier, families of students enrolled at AlAqsa School, run by UNRWA, in AlHusainiya refugee camp called on UNRWA and the other concerned authorities to work on securing means of transport to and back from school.

The residents said they have been forced to accompany their children at daybreak and fetch them home from school after the end



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of the morning shift. Long distances and scorching heat have made the situation quite exhausting both for the students and their families.

In the meantime, Palestinian boy Malek Ali ALTawba from ALAyedeen Camp in Hums, won the first place in an individual chess championship and the second place in another team competition for the 10-13-14 age category. The contest was held in Damascus from September 17 to September 20.

