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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"Palestinian Refugees in Thailand Threatened with Refoulement"

- Displaced Palestinian Families Keep up Vigil in Deir Ballout Camp
- Fuel Supplies Handed over to Impoverished Families in AlSabina Camp
- Coal Distributed to Palestinians from Syria in Turkey

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Latest Developments

Human rights activist Fatima Jabeur called on the Palestinian diaspora to stage rallies outside of the offices of UN-run bodies, the International Red Cross, and the UNHCR in solidarity with Palestinian refugees in Thailand.

The activist said Palestinian families in Thailand risk to go forcibly deported after the Turkish authorities issued a decision to tighten grip on refugees without legal residence permits.

According to the activist, the measure will bring about serious fallouts on the Palestinian refugees who can neither return to their homeland nor head for another destination.



She added that three Palestinian families, comprising minors, elderly people, and persons with disabilities, turned themselves in to Thai police for fear of being sent to jail after they overstayed their visas.

The activist raised alarm bells over the dire conditions of captivity in Thai detention centers, where over 100 inmates are crammed into cells that can barely accommodate 15 persons. Palestinian refugees



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are also locked up in cells where drug traffickers, sex traffickers, and criminals are held.

In a testimony received by AGPS sometime earlier, a Palestinian from Syria in Bangkok said 600 refugees, including children and elderly persons, risk to go to jail for overstaying their visas.

Activists and trapped Palestinian refugees continue to urge the international community to immediately step in and work on releasing those held in Thai jails, dubbed the worst in the world.

The newly-issued decision will give the Thai authorities further grounds to continue to treat Palestinian refugees as lawbreakers rather than asylum seekers fleeing war-stricken zones.

Meanwhile, displaced Palestinian families north of Syria continue to rally since October 8, protesting their tragic living conditions in the poorly-equipped Deir Ballout Camp.

The refugees have urged all concerned bodies and mass media to visit the camp so as to inspect the tragic situation endured by helpless civilians.





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The protesters have appealed to UNRWA to live up to its responsibilities as regards dozens of vulnerable families and to provide them with much-needed cash aids, medical items, and relief services.

The residents continue to appeal to the Palestine Liberation Organization and the international human rights institutions to take urgent action in order to tone down the abject situation endured by Palestinian families north of Syria.

In the meantime, a fuel company distributed on Monday fuel supplies to families sheltered in AlSabina Camp, in Rif Dimashq.

The residents denounced the manipulation of fuel prices, saying they have been forced to shell out 20,000 Syrian Pounds for 100 liters while the same quantity has been sold at a price of 18,500 elsewhere.

Residents of AlSabina Camp, located some 14 kilometers away from southern Damascus, said they have been gripped with a poor infrastructure and deprived of much-needed humanitarian aid.

At the same time, charcoal supplies were handed over by Shams Association for Women and Children, in partnership with the Malaysian foundation MyCare, to Palestinian refugees from Syria in Turkey.

A volunteer relief officer said 500 kilograms were distributed to families sheltered in Istanbul and southern Turkey in an attempt to assist displaced migrants with the advent of winter.



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Palestinian refugees from Syria in Turkey have been enduring a calamitous situation due to the absence of relief aids by such UN bodies as UNRWA and the UNHCR. The families have been receiving sporadic aids from a handful of Turkish and Syrian charities, including the Turkish Association for Solidarity with Palestine (FIDAR).

