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Latest Developments

A research paper was released by AGPS as part of the Forum of Palestinians in Europe and the Nation's Causes held in Berlin on Sunday, September 23, under the slogan "We Will Not Give up Our Right of Return".

The paper tackled the calamitous situation of the Palestinians of Syria inflicted by the blockade, arbitrary arrests, forced displacement, and heavy shelling.



AGPS also underscored the abject conditions endured by Palestinian refugees north of Syria after they were forced out of their shelters and transferred to over-crammed and poorly equipped camps.

Briefing the audience on the dire situation of the Palestinian refugees in Lebanon, AGPS slammed the calls recently launched by the Palestine Embassy and the popular committees affiliated with the Palestine Liberation Organization urging Palestinian refugees to return to Syria and vowing to grant returnees a sum of \$1,000 per every single family, as pledged by the Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas.



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AGPS work paper warned of the absence of serious arrangement and coordination with the Syrian authorities, UNRWA, and other concerned bodies as regards the return of Palestinian families to their homes. Returnees risk being arrested, displaced, or forcibly recruited by pro-government battalions.

The paper also referred to the number of Palestinians from Syria who have reached Europe since the outbreak of the conflict in Syria in 2011.

Meanwhile, residents of Daraa Camp for Palestinian refugees said no serious efforts have been made by the local authorities and relief institutions to reconstruct their homes, which sustained massive destruction as a result of the heavy shelling and bloody shootouts between the Syrian government forces and opposition outfits.



The locals called on the concerned bodies, most notably UNRWA and the PLO, to make urgent steps so as to open access roads, remove debris, reconstruct ruined homes, rehabilitate the infrastructure, and repair water and sanitation networks.



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They further pushed for restoring UNRWA clinic, educational facilities, and health structures.

The residents also called on the Syrian authorities to disclose the fate of Palestinian refugees secretly held behind prison bars.

In the meantime, UNRWA announced a decision to cancel permits allowing relatives of displaced Palestinian refugees in idlib and other conflict zones in Syria to receive cash and in-kind aids on their relatives' behalf.

UNRWA stipulated that new permits be issued, preventing hundreds of families from receiving urgently-needed aids.



Scores of refugees have been refusing to go to UNRWA distribution centers for fear of being arrested or killed on way to government-held zones.

The displaced families north of Syria appealed to UNRWA to backtrack on the measure, saying their survival largely hinges on aids and relief items provided by UNRWA for the poverty-stricken communities.



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The families also urged PLO and Palestinian factions to take action vis-à-vis their alarming state of affairs.

Along the same line, Palestinian refugees taking shelter in Ein AlHilweh refugee camp, in the southern Lebanese city of Sidon, continue to sound distress signals over the security mayhem rocking the area as a result of the illegal possession of weapons.

Some 760 Palestinian families taking refuge in Ein AlHilweh, after they fled the deadly warfare in Syria, have been facing a dire situation as a result of the bloody shootouts and assassinations.

Dozens of families have gone homeless after they were forced to leave the camp as a result of the security mayhem.

The refugees called on the international institutions and the UN bodies to immediately intervene and work on restoring calm and security in the camp.

Activists spoke out against the politicized incitements secretly launched by Palestinian factions in the camp for political purposes, saying such parties are rather a stumbling block in Palestinians' anti-occupation struggle.