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"Palestinians from Syria Denied Family Reunification in Germany"

- Displaced Palestinian Refugee from Syria Represents Palestine at Cyprus-Based Cultural Events
- Deputy Commander of Liwaa AlQuds Squad Arrested by Syrian Gov't Forces
- 27 Palestinians Assassinated in War-Torn Syria

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Latest Developments

Hundreds of Palestinian families from Syria who have sought shelter in Germany have sounded distress signals over delays in the family reunification process, which they said often lasts for up to three years.

Hundreds of Palestinian refugees from Syria in Germany have been separated from their families who have remained in Syria or fled to Lebanon, Turkey, or Egypt, where rental fees have reportedly hit \$450 per month. The situation is exacerbated by the price leap and the frailty of the refugees' legal status.



The German Migration Office has attributed the delay in family reunification procedures to difficulties in coping with the simmering pressure exerted on its staff members.

Palestinian refugees said, however, that the delay makes part of a closed-doors immigration policy pursued by the German government to rein in the influx of refugees to the country.

Palestinians from Syria in Germany are categorized as stateless refugees, according to the German law. The Geneva Convention stipulates that Germany grant nationality to those categorized as



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stateless refugees, in accordance with the German Nationality Law of 2000.

Meanwhile, Palestinian refugee from Syria Firas Abdul Salam Abbas, called Abu ALAbd, has been taking advantage of human rights and cultural events held in Cyprus to make non-Palestinians familiar with the Palestinian cuisine.

Firas was last spotted on November 16, 2018 at an event celebrating the 20th anniversary of the founding of the KISA NGO and attended by the Cypriot Minister of Labor and other prominent figures along with representatives of 15 refugee communities.



A refugee who took part in the event lauded Firas's participation, saying the latter has brought the name of Palestine to the forefront despite the mountainous journey he has gone through.

Firas is one among 345 Palestinians who fled Yarmouk Camp, in war-torn Syria, onboard a Europe-bound boat, trying to reach Italy. The migrant vessel was, however, intercepted by the Cypriot navy in September 2014.

Shortly after, the Cypriot government pressurized the migrants to apply for asylum after they were sent to a refugee camp near Nicosia.



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As a pressure tactic, the local authorities blocked the refugees' access to foodstuff.

In response to the appeals launched by the refugees, the Palestinian community in Cyprus, headed by Fawzia Teym, provided daily portions of meat, vegetables, fruits and other much-needed items to the refugees. Palestinian refugee Firas Abbas volunteered to cook for all the refugees stranded in the camp. He was granted asylum in Cyprus sometime later.

Palestinian refugees trapped in Cyprus have frequently appealed to the Cypriot authorities to allow them to seek shelter somewhere else in Europe in the hunt for better job opportunities and in an attempt to reunite with their families.

Meanwhile, Palestinian refugee Adnan AlSayed, deputy commander of the Liwaa AlQuds battalion, affiliated with the Syrian government, was reportedly arrested by Syrian security forces without prior notices.

Sometime earlier, Palestinian refugee Samer Rafe', the commander of Liwaa AlQuds battalion, was arrested by Syrian security forces following a shootout at a government-run checkpoint in Latakia and also over charges of corruption and arms sales with ISIS militias.

In the meantime, AGPS documented the death of 27 Palestinian refugees as a result of abrupt assassinations in war-raged Syria.

The list includes 18 Palestinians from Yarmouk Camp, among them activists, journalists, and relief officers.



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The casualties are: Bahaa Saker, Namer Hasan, Firas AlNaji, Yehya Horani, Mustafa Sharaan, Hesham Zawawi, Mohamed Kasem Tirawiyeh, Mohamed Arisheh, Abu Ahmed Hawari, Bahaa AlAmeen, Abdullah Rezeq, Ali AlHaja, Abdullah Bader, Ahmed AlSahli, Abu AlAbd Khalil, Abdul Nasser Makari, Abu Dia Amara, and Mahmoud Haitham Akila.



As a result, several relief institutions and activists operating in the camp have fled the area for fear of being gunned down or executed by warring militias.

Saber AlMesri and Ahmed Nassar were also assassinated in Daraa Camp while Ahmed AlRamah was assassinated in AlMuzeireeb. Khaled AlKhalidi was gunned down in Khan Eshieh Camp; Kamal Ghanaja in Qudsaya; Reda AlKhadra in Qatna; Udwan Shehab in Saasa' in Rif Dimashq; and Palestinian girl Asmaa Abu Bakr in AlMezzah in Damascus. Mohamed Rafe' also appears on the list.