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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"Ukraine detains Palestinian "Fares Salama" after his deportation from Turkey"

- Palestinian loses her life to the medical neglect in Kalema Hospital, in Aleppo
- Caricature artist Hany Abbas launches his first book 'A Fish in Noah's Boat' about the unfolding events in Syria
- "Freedom Bus" reaches Paris and demands the freedom of the detainees in the Syrian regime's prisons

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Latest Developments

The Ukrainian authorities have detained the Palestinian-Syrian refugee “Fares Hashem Salama,” after his deportation from Istanbul Atatürk Airport under the pretext that he does not have a visa to allow his entry to the Turkish territory.

Salama told the Action Group that he is detained in Boryspil International Airport, which is located in the Ukrainian capital Kiev, in very difficult humanitarian conditions. He added that the airport’s authorities did not provide him with any food or water and that he sleeps on the passengers’ seats.



Fares continued that his fate remains unclear to this day, amid the ongoing refusal of all countries, including the Arab and Islamic countries, to welcome him. Ukraine has previously issued a decision to keep him away.

Fares had attempted to leave Ukraine irregularly because a majority of countries refused to welcome him and he was unable to leave Ukraine. He was detained there and exposed to several courts that ruled of his imprisonment or that he pays a fine of 600 Euros with his deportation. He was given a month to leave the country.



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He could not find any country to accept him, so he booked a flight to Mauritania, which passes through Morocco and Turkey. Upon his arrival in Mauritania, he was banned from entering because he does not have a visa and he was deported back to Morocco, where he was also prevented from entering, and thus transferred back to Turkey.

Fares' family has appealed to anyone who has any contact or communication with people, organizations or the Palestinian embassy in Turkey or Ukraine, to help their son Fares find a solution to this suffering. The family is a resident of the Aedin refugee camp in Homs.

Meanwhile, 20-year-old Palestinian refugee, "Ola Ibrahim Bastouny," from Neirab refugee camp, has lost her life to the negligence of the doctors and nurses in the Kalema Hospital, in Aleppo.



According to the victim's relatives, the health condition of their daughter began to deteriorate greatly, and they ran to the doctors' and nurses' room to come and see their daughter and what had happened to her, however the supervising nurse replied: "We know



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are work well and nothing is wrong with her,” until their daughter took her final breath in the hospital.

According to the bereaved family, the two nurses, doctor and hospital’s director disappeared from the scene, while no comment has been issued about the incident so far.

In the meantime, the caricature artist, Hany Abbas, from Yarmouk camp, has launched his first book ‘A Fish in Noah’s Boat,’ in coordination with the Maysaloon House for Printing, Distribution and Publishing.

The book discusses the most prominent stages of his life. It is divided into three chapters, which highlight the different aspects of what he has witnessed through the ongoing events in Syria. In the first chapter, titled “Cold in Hell,” he documented what he saw and heard of stories in the beginning of the war in Syria, in addition to the drawings he drew during that time. In the second chapter, which he named “Extinguishing the Darkness,” he discussed the regime’s bombardments and siege, the catastrophic displacements, and the drawings placed by his fingerprints during that stage.

The third chapter, which the author named the book after, ‘A Fish in Noah’s Boat,’ documents the daily stories of asylum and migration, with a number of drawings that represent the stories.

About his book ‘A Fish in Noah’s Boat,’ Noah says: “The book is my first and final prose,” indicating that many of the things he wrote and drew throughout the past six years, had to be written in a book,



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as an eyewitness account of what happened and continues to occur in Syria and the world.

Hany Abbas is a Palestinian refugee who was born in Yarmouk camp-Damascus in 1977. He is a caricature artist in a number of Arab and International newspapers and has held exhibitions in many Arab and foreign countries.

He has won a number of international and local prizes and was a jury member for a number of Arab and international caricature festivals. Some of the most prominent awards he received are the Cartoonist Journalist Award for Courage for 2014 in Geneva, World Press Freedom Award Doha 2013, three times winner of the Professional Painters' Award in Syria, as well as honorary and esteemed awards from several international festivals.

In addition to his membership in the jury of the Syrian International Cartoon Festival for three times, the First Naji Al Ali Festival, Gaza's International Cartoon Festival, the "Badil" Cartoon Festival and he works as a teacher of arts and cartoons at the Geneva International School.

In another context, the "Freedom Bus," organized by the "Families for Freedom Movement," which is led by Syrian women aiming to defend the rights of detainees and forcibly disappeared people, reached Paris the day before yesterday in order to raise awareness about the situation of the detainees in Syria and demanding their release.



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The Bus' journey started last November in London. It carries pictures of the forcibly detained in the Syrian regime prisons, with two banners that say 'Damascus' and 'Freedom for the Detainees.'

On the bus, were six Syrian women who are related to the detainees and the disappeared, including the Lawyer "Noura Ghazy," wife of the Palestinian activist "Bassel Safady" who was executed in the Syrian prisons three years after his detention.

The campaign's organizers said: "This bus carries the heartbeats of the mothers waiting for their children, and the longing of the husbands, wives, brothers and sisters waiting for one of their family members to knock on their door once again."

The women confirmed that during its journey, the Freedom Bus will pass through the cities of the world, trying to gather the solidarity of the people of the world who do not accept injustice, stressing the lifting of the voice of freedom for the detainees and disappeared forcibly.



The number of Palestinian detainees in the Syrian regime prisons has exceeded 1656 detainees, according to the Action Group. They



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are facing the worst methods of torture by members of the Syrian security. Thousands of victims of torture have also been documented.

Palestinians of Syria: January 29, 2018 Statistics:

- The total number of victims documented by the Action Group is 3642, including 463 women
- 1655 Palestinians are locked up behind Syrian government's bars, 106 of which are women
- Yarmouk refugee camp is under the Syrian regime army and Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine's siege for 1,655 days in a row
- 204 refugees, mainly in Yarmouk Camp, have died due to lack of medical care and malnutrition
- Water supplies have been cut off Deraa Camp for 1391 days, and 1231 days in Yarmouk Camp
- The Regime army has been in control of Handarat camp for more than 490 days. More than 80% of its buildings have been completely or partially destroyed.
- Approximately 85 thousand Palestinian-Syrian refugees fled to Europe by the end of 2016
- 31 thousand refugees are located in Lebanon
- 17 thousand refugees are sheltered in Jordan
- 6 thousand refugees are in Egypt
- 8 thousand refugees are staying in Turkey
- One thousand refugees are present in Gaza