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### الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية

Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



### "Palestinian Refugee in Thailand at Risk of Refoulement"

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## Latest Developments

Over 50 Palestinian families who fled war-torn Syria to Thailand continue to face extremely dire conditions due to the crackdowns perpetrated by the Thai authorities and the absence of serious humanitarian action by the national and international human rights bodies.



Speaking with AGPS, a Palestinian refugee—Samer—said he escaped to Thailand in 2012 following the deadly onslaughts launched by the government forces on Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian refugees, south of Damascus. Upon his arrival, the Thai authorities told him that he cannot stay in the country for over a couple of months, following which he should seek asylum in another destination. Jobless Samer could not afford the expenses to travel to another country. He was arrested in Bangkok for overstaying his visa.

“I made every possible effort to reach the Cambodian borders so as to have my visa renewed, but to no avail”, Samer told AGPS.



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Samer added that he had reached out to UNHCR staff members but none of them paid heed to his appeals. “Every time I contact them, they just tell me that there is nothing they can do to help me for the Thai government classifies Palestinian and Syrian migrants as lawbreakers rather than legitimate asylum seekers.”

“I am now left on my own, wandering in the streets and hiding myself in mosques and churches lest I be detained by Thai cops, fined to 700\$, and forced to afford the travel fees back to Syria,” said Samer.

Palestinian refugees from Syria have been threatened with refoulement by the Thai authorities. Dozens have been locked up in local detention centers, pending their deportation. Several refugees locked themselves up indoors for fear of being rounded up and sent to jail.

Meanwhile, displaced Palestinian families taking shelter in Qudsaya town, in Rif Dimashq, continue to sound the alarm over the security turmoil overwhelming the area and the heavy deployment of political security forces across residential alleyways.

Local activists said a number of young men were arrested by the government security forces in Qudsaya without explainable reasons, amid rising concerns about forced military conscription at pro-government squads.

According to the same sources, the Syrian security forces have tightened military grip around Qudsaya and stepped up arbitrary searches and manhunts at government-run checkpoints.



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Some 6,000 Palestinian families displaced from Yarmouk Camp, south of Damascus, continue to face dire socio-economic conditions in Qudsaya.



In another development, Palestinian refugee Fayad Abdul Karim Shehabi has been locked up under mysterious circumstances in Syrian state prisons since November 2013.

An ex-prisoner said he had met Fayad, a resident of Yarmouk Camp, in 2014 in Branch 215. Other reports said he was spotted in Sednaya military prison. His exact condition and whereabouts remain unknown.





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According to AGPS statistics, 1,730 Palestinian refugees, including 108 women and girls, have been mysteriously locked up in Syrian government dungeons.

In the meantime, the Syrian American Medical Society Foundation (SAMS) announced the launch of its medical program for the displaced Palestinians of Syria and Syrians in Lebanon.

Free surgeries will be carried out for patients with face, nose, and ear deformities and throat disorders from March 10 to March 14.

Thousands of Palestinians from Syria and Syrian migrants in Lebanon have been deprived of their basic rights, particularly healthcare, among other vital services.