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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"Palestinian Asylum Seekers Injured by Greek Coast Guard"

- Armed Palestinian Groups to Fight Alongside Syrian Gov't in Saraqeb
- Palestinian Refugees in Syria Displacement Camp Denounce Coronavirus-Related Bullying
- Fuel Distributed in Deraa Palestinian Refugee Camp
- Palestinian Refugee Muawiya AlFout Forcibly Disappeared in Syrian Prisons for 8 Year

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Latest Developments

Displaced Palestinian refugees from Syria said they were heavily beaten with batons at the hands of Greek border guards, while trying to illegally enter Greece, seeking humanitarian asylum. Injuries were reported.

The refugees told AGPS that they were rounded up by Greek coast guards and subjected to heavy beating. Two young men sustained serious wounds after they were violently beaten on their heads and other vulnerable body parts, causing them to faint.

The refugees were pushed back to Turkey. Most of them fled the Neirab camp for Palestinian refugees, in the northern Syrian province of Aleppo, before they entered the Turkish territories.

After ten years of conflict, Palestine refugees continue to be one of the most vulnerable groups in Syria with immense humanitarian needs.

Palestinian refugees in Syria (PRS) continue to launch cries for help over their deteriorating humanitarian condition due to the sharp decrease in the exchange rate of the Syrian pound compared to the USD and their lack of access to the local labor market. The price leap has also overburdened the cash-stripped refugees.

Over 90 per cent of Palestine refugee households in Syria live in poverty and 40 per cent remain in protracted displacement as a result of conflict and the damage and destruction of their homes.



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The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) said in its 2020 Syria regional crisis emergency appeal that 126,000 Palestine refugees in Syria (PRS) are identified as extremely vulnerable; 89% live in poverty; 91% live in extreme poverty; and 80% rely on UNRWA cash assistance as their main source of income.

UNRWA also said that 55% of PRS do not possess valid legal residency documents; 100% of PRS are in need of winterization assistance; and 86% of PRS households are reported to be in debt.

In another development, opposition activists in Syria said gunmen from the Palestine Liberation Army and the Free Palestine Movement have reached Saraqeb city, in northern Syria, to join Syria's regime forces.

No official statement has been released by the Palestine Liberation Army and the Free Palestine Movement in this regard.

Hundreds of Palestinian refugees have been killed as they joined pro-government battles waged against opposition groups, ISIS militias, and AlNusra battalions in Syria.

In another development, Palestinian schoolgirls said they have been subjected to bullying at the Salma Prep School after they underwent a coronavirus test at a UNRWA clinic in Khan Esheih camp for Palestinian refugees.

The schoolgirls said they tested negative for the virus.



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Over recent weeks, dozens of Palestinian refugees in Syria have contracted coronavirus, several among whom refuse to reveal their names over bullying concerns.

Meanwhile, fuel supplies have been distributed in Daraa Camp for Palestine refugees, south of Syria. Lists of concerned families were prepared sometime earlier using smart cards.

Every registered family reportedly received 100 liters of fuel. The price of fuel set by the Syrian government is 20,000 Syrian Pounds per liter.

However, dozens of cash-strapped families could not purchase fuel. The bulk of civilians have been deprived of fuel reserves needed for cooking and heating, with the advent of a freezing winter.

Daraa Camp for Palestinian refugees has been grappling with abject conditions as a result of the fallouts wrought by the military operation launched by the Syrian government forces in mid-June 2018 using internationally-prohibited weapons in an attempt to recapture the area. 80% of civilian homes and property were destroyed.

An acute shortage in medicines and much-needed items along with the government's tough blockade on the camp have made life unbearable in the area.



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In the meantime, Palestinian refugee Muawiya AlFout, aged 39, has been secretly detained in Syria's state run lock-ups for the eighth consecutive year.

Muawiya was kidnapped by Syrian government forces on September 20, 2013 at a checkpoint set up near AlSabina, in Damascus. He was transferred to an unknown location.

Conflicting reports have emerged on his prison term. His condition and whereabouts could not be identified. His family continues to appeal for information about his fate and location.

AGPS continues to urge the Syrian authorities to reveal the fate of Palestinian detainees secretly held in its penitentiaries.

AGPS has been deeply concerned about the upsurge in the number of Palestinian victims of torture and enforced disappearance in Syria.

Over 1,790 Palestinian refugees have been secretly held in Syrian government dungeons since the outburst of deadly hostilities.

AGPS also documented the death of over 600 Palestinian refugees under torture in Syrian government lock-ups, including women, children, and elderly civilians.