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The situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



Palestinian Refugees in Syria Severely Affected by Decade-Long Conflict

- Residents of Deraa Camp Terrorized by Thieves
- Palestinian Family Secretly Held in Syrian Prisons for 9th Year
- Palestinian Girl Wins 2nd Place in Dutch Talents Competition



Latest Development

Social Workers Suhad Aboud, from the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), said the eleven-year Syrian war has had a tragic impact on Palestinian refugees sheltered in the country.

Unemployment, debts, high levels of poverty, overcrowded dwellings, food insecurity, loss of livelihoods, and economic hardship have had a heavy toll on the Palestinian refugee community in the war-torn country.

According to UNRWA, the full humanitarian impact of the conflict remains impossible to catalog. Once again, Palestine refugees found themselves engulfed in a cycle of conflict and displacement that exacerbates their underlying vulnerability. “The tide of human suffering unleashed by the conflict has catastrophic implications,” said Suhad.

Like hundreds of thousands of other Palestine refugees, 44-year-old Suhad was displaced from her home in Yarmouk camp in 2012. When she recalled the days of fleeing, she, her husband and son endured great heartache. “I know that, like death, I didn’t know where to go when leaving Yarmouk. I know that our pain is overwhelming”.

In another development, property-theft has been increasingly reported in Deraa Camp for Palestinian refugees, south of Syria.



Home burglary and theft of commercial facilities and vehicles have been reported almost on a daily basis, exacerbating the abject living conditions in the camp.

The residents attributed the phenomenon to uncontrolled drug consumption and increasing crime rates. They called on local authorities to take serious measures in response to property-theft and to protect civilians against theft gangsters.

Deraa camp was home to 10,500 Palestine refugees before 2011. As of February 2020, some 800 families had returned to the camp and 750 students to the UNRWA schools, according to UNRWA.

The camp was initially set up on an area of 0.04 square kilometers, and it now covers an area of 1.3 square kilometers. In addition to the 10,500 Palestine refugees in the camp, there were more than 17,500 Palestine refugees living in neighboring Syrian villages before the conflict. Most of them worked as farmers on Syrian-owned lands, others were employed as wage laborers, government workers and a few as UNRWA staff.

Deraa camp and its surroundings returned to government control in the summer of 2018. The camp is now largely destroyed.

In the meantime, AGPS continues to sound alarm bells over the mysterious fate of several elderly Palestinian refugees who have been secretly held captive in Syrian dungeons.

The list of missing refugees includes Mouloud Khaled AlAbdullah's four-member family, kidnapped on July 27, 2013 at a government-



run checkpoint in Nisreen Street, in ALTadhamun neighborhood, adjacent to Yarmouk Camp.

The family's 73-year-old father, Mouloud Khaled AlAbdullah, had been diagnosed with cardiovascular diseases while the mother, Dheiba, 65, is a diabetic patient. Al Abdullah family members Ilham, 48, Anaam, 33, Yasmeeen, 39, along with the latter's six-year-old kid Obada, have all gone missing so far.

Unverified reports said the family is being held in pro-government penitentiaries in ALTadhamun neighborhood. Others said the family members are locked up in a prison in Damascus. The family's actual condition and whereabouts remain, however, shrouded in mystery.

Meanwhile, Palestinian refugee girl from Syria Fatema Asmar Mahmoud won the second price as part of a talents contest held in The Netherlands. She was ranked first in Zoud Holand for her innovative ideas and environmentally friendly solutions.

Fatema arrived in The Netherlands some three years ago.

Hundreds of displaced Palestinian refugees in/from Syria have achieved success stories, despite the traumatic upshots wrought by the daily scenes of bloodshed and destruction across the embattled Syrian territories.

This includes scores of refugee students who have obtained the highest scores at their academic institutions; hundreds of refugee sportsmen/sportswomen who snatched the first places in regional and international competitions; dozens of artists who received



renowned literary awards for their products and performances; and several housewives who turned trauma into a space of creativity.