



مجموعة العمل من أجل فلسطينيي سورية
Action Group For Palestinians of Syria

02-07-2021

No. 3270

التقرير اليومي

الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية

Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"Mass Rallies Held in Syria to Urge Syrian Regime to Lift Blockade on Deraa"

- PLA Arrestees in Syria Released
- Palestinian Refugee Ahmad Salam Forcibly Disappeared in Syria for 7th Year
- Power Crisis Exacerbated by Cable Theft in AlHusainiya Camp
- UNRWA Pledges Transfer of Cash Aid for Palestinian Refugees in Lebanon in USD

+442084530978

/Actgroup.palsyria

reports@actionpal.org.uk

www.actionpal.org.uk



مجموعة العمل من أجل فلسطينيي سورية
Action Group For Palestinians of Syria

Latest Developments

Dozens of Palestinian refugees took to the streets of Deraa city, south of Syria, as they called on the Syrian security forces and their Russian allies to lift the tough cordon imposed around the area.

The Syrian security forces continue to block civilians' access out of and into the area. As a result, families have run out of vital food items and medicines.

Earlier, this week, an attack by the Syrian government forces targeted civilian houses in Deraa Camp.

Reporting from the area, an AGPS correspondent said Syrian forces deployed at checkpoints pitched around Deraa opened machinegun fire on houses overnight, sparking panic among children.

Recently, a tough cordon has been imposed by the Syrian security forces and their Russian allies around Deraa city, after a number of residents refused Russian demands to return their private weapons.

Local sources told AGPS that all access roads to the city centre have been blocked except for the Sajneh road, where three military checkpoints have been pitched.

Palestinian refugees have expressed concerns over a new wave of forced military conscription and arbitrary manhunts in the area.



مجموعة العمل من أجل فلسطينيين سورية
Action Group For Palestinians of Syria

In another development, a number of conscripts affiliated with the pro-regime Palestine Liberation Army (PLA) in Syria were released from the Sednaya military prison following a presidential amnesty issued in May.

Since Syria's conflict began in 2011, Assad has issued similar amnesties, the latest of which came in September 2019. The conflict has killed half a million people and displaced half the country's prewar population including more than 5 millions who are refugees abroad.

Lists of hundreds of forcibly disappeared Palestinian refugees and victims in Syria are available on AGPS website, both in English and Arabic. AGPS supplies a database of their names and possible times and places of arrest.

AGPS has documented the secret detention of over 1,790 Palestinian refugees, including women and minors, in Syrian government lock-ups.

Along similar lines, Palestinian refugee Ahmad Saad AlDeen Salam has been secretly held in Syrian government jails since 2014.

Ahmed, born in 1989, was kidnapped on January 5, 2014 from Ali AlWahsh street, in Hjeira town, south of Damascus, as he attempted to flee the then-blockaded Yarmouk Camp.

AGPS documented the secret detention of over 1,790 Palestinian refugees, including women and minors, in Syrian government lock-ups. Some 330 refugees have also gone missing in the country.



مجموعة العمل من أجل فلسطينيي سورية
Action Group For Palestinians of Syria

Lists of hundreds of forcibly disappeared Palestinian refugees and victims in Syria are available on AGPS website, both in English and Arabic. AGPS supplies a database of their names and the possible times and places of arrest.

In the meantime, power cables have reportedly been stolen from the alleyways of AlHusainiya refugee camp, where civilians' life has already been marred by the frequent power blackouts.

Local sources told AGPS that power cables have been stolen by thieves. Others attributed the phenomenon to the calamitous humanitarian condition endured by several families in the camp.

The residents urged the local authorities to carry out the necessary maintenance works and rehabilitate the power network in the camp.

In another development, UNRWA pledged to transfer cash grants for Palestinian refugees from Syria in Lebanon in USD and in batches (every couple of months).

Cash grants covering June and July will be shelled out in the first week of July while August's and September's grants will be transferred in the first ten days of September.

Every re-registered family will receive a sum of 100 USD per month. A food allowance worth 27 USD which had previously been allotted to the refugees has been canceled due to defunding from the World Food Program. Instead, every registered refugee will receive a sum of 100,000 Lebanese pounds per month.



مجموعة العمل من أجل فلسطينيي سورية
Action Group For Palestinians of Syria

Palestinian refugees from Syria rallied on Thursday July 1 outside of the UNRWA offices in Ein AlHilweh Camp, Central AlBekaa, and AlBadawi Camp, protesting delays in UNRWA aid delivery.

The refugees called on UNRWA to transfer their cash grants in USD and at the earliest possible time.

They further handed over a memorandum to UNRWA's Director of Lebanon Operations.

UNRWA's cash assistance represents a lifeline for the cash-stripped Palestinian refugee families who have been struggling with squalid conditions in Lebanon as a result of the multiple hardships inflicted by the coronavirus pandemic and the absence of legal protection.

In its fact sheet entitled "Syria Regional Crisis Emergency Appeal 2021", UNRWA said that Palestinian refugees from Syria (PRS) in Lebanon are grappling with increased hardship and vulnerability, due to long-term displacement and difficult socio-economic conditions, coupled with the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic.

According to UNRWA, 87% of PRS live in poverty in the Lebanese territories.

Nearly 65% of Palestinian refugees in Lebanon (PRL) live in poverty.

UNRWA's factsheet indicates that 257,000 Palestinian refugees in Lebanon are in need of UNRWA emergency cash assistance.



مجموعة العمل من أجل فلسطينيي سورية
Action Group For Palestinians of Syria

Over 470,000 refugees are registered with UNRWA in Lebanon. About 45 per cent of them live in the country's 12 refugee camps. Conditions in the camps are dire and characterized by overcrowding, poor housing conditions, unemployment, poverty and lack of access to justice.

Palestinians in Lebanon do not enjoy several important rights; for example, they cannot work in many professions and cannot own property (real estate). Because they are not formally citizens of another state, Palestine refugees are unable to claim the same rights as other foreigners living and working in Lebanon.