



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

02-08-2019

No. 2463

التقرير اليومي

الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية

Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"Palestine Refugees Distressed as Pro-Gov't Battalion in Syria Calls for Military Conscription"

- **UNRWA:** We will continue to provide the necessary resources for refugees in Gaza, including those coming from Syria
- **Kuwait** donates \$ 5 million to UNRWA in support of Palestinians in Syria
- **Economic suffering** continues for thousands of displaced Palestinian families in Qudsaya

+442084530978

/Actgroup.palsyria

reports@actionpal.org.uk

www.actionpal.org.uk



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

Latest Developments

Concerns have heightened among Palestinian refugees in Syria as calls have been recently launched by the Palestine Liberation Army (PLA), affiliated with the Syrian government forces, for military conscription, as figures on PLA's official website.

Batches of Palestinian youths have been forced into military conscription, forcing dozens to become internally displaced and dozens more to seek refuge in other countries.

Palestinian refugees in Syria have been reluctant to join pro-regime squads after it turned out that they have been involved in war crimes against civilians all the way through the Syrian warfare.



Other refugees expressed their unyielding commitment to neutrality and disarmament in the raging conflict, believing that the Israeli occupation is their sole enemy.

Hundreds of refugees have been kidnapped at government-run checkpoints and forced to carry out mandatory conscription. Dozens more were kidnapped from their homes and shelters to that very end.



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

Shortly after the outburst of the deadly warfare, the Syrian government forced Palestinian refugees aged 18 and above to join affiliated militias for periods of at least one year and a half.

Those who refuse conscription are subjected to crackdowns, abductions and even executions. As a result, thousands fled the tension-stricken country in the hunt for a safer shelter.

According to informed sources, a number of Palestinian youths have been summoned to questioning by government officers and subjected to psycho-physical torture to force confession.

The recruits also said they have been forced to carry out exhausting personal chores for government officers against their will and under threat of punishment. Even those who have had their security files worked out have been involved in forced labor.

AGPS kept record of the death of 277 PLA gunmen since the outbreak of Syria's warfare.

In another development, UNRWA said the Agency is committed to fulfilling its mission in support of Palestine refugees in Gaza, including those who fled war-torn Syria, despite considerable challenges and pressures.

The UN Agency said that due to the funding crunch emerging in mid-2018, it suspended rental allowances for refugees whose homes have turned uninhabitable by the Israeli offensive of 2014.

UNRWA added that a six-month job will be secured for underprivileged families in the Israeli-blockaded enclave starting August 1 as a way to compensate for the freeze of rental allowances, as recommended by the ad hoc committee.



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

Along the same line, the Government of Kuwait has contributed US\$ 5 million to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA).

This contribution to the Agency will help funding its Syria operations and improve living conditions for some 560,000 thousand Palestine refugees in Syria, who continue to endure harsh conditions after eight years of armed conflict.



Kuwaiti Ambassador, Mansour Al-Otaibi said: “We are very pleased to announce that the Government of Kuwait has decided to contribute US\$ 5 million to Palestine refugees in Syria. UNRWA is a very important and effective international organization that provides assistance and humanitarian protection to five million registered Palestinian refugees in the region. The daily services of this Agency are a life line and are unique.”

Kuwait has long been an important and consistent donor to UNRWA. Since 2013, their total contributions to the Agency have totaled US\$ 65 million. This support from the Kuwaiti government, as well as Kuwait-based organizations, such as the International Islamic Charity Organization, the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development and the Kuwait Red Crescent enables



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

the Agency to provide essential services to some 5.4 million Palestine refugees across the Middle East.

UNRWA is confronted with an increased demand for services resulting from a growth in the number of registered Palestine refugees, the extent of their vulnerability and their deepening poverty. UNRWA is funded almost entirely by voluntary contributions and financial support has been outpaced by the growth in needs. As a result, the UNRWA program budget, which supports the delivery of core essential services, operates with a large shortfall.

Meanwhile, some 6,000 displaced Palestinian families seeking refuge in Qudsaya town, in Rif Dimashq, have launched cries for help over their exacerbated situation due to the price hike, high unemployment rates, steep rental fees, and the decline in civilians' purchasing power.

According to the residents, furnished homes are rented at up to 70,000 Syrian Pounds, down from 25,000 in previous years.

Families displaced from Yarmouk Camp urged the Syrian government to allow them to safely gain access to their homes in the camp.

Thousands of Palestinian families fled Yarmouk Camp in the unabated warfare due to the crackdowns perpetrated by pro-government militias.