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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



**"AGPS: Damascus Unsafe Zone for Palestinian Refugees"**

- Palestinian Refugees from Syria Denounce Delay of UNRWA Aid
- Palestinians in Northern Syria Rally on Land Day
- Palestinian Refugee Muawiya AlFout Forcibly Disappeared in Syria for 8<sup>th</sup> Year
- Aid Items Distributed to Palestinians from Syria in Turkey

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## Latest Developments

AGPS has deemed Damascus and Rif Dimashq among other cities in Syria as unsafe places for Palestinian and Syrian returnees.

In its report issued on October 12, 2020 under the title “Europe: Deportation of Palestinians of Syria”, AGPS said Palestinians and Syrians who fled Damascus and its suburbs risk to lose their lives if they are forcibly deported to the war-torn country, where civilians’ life has been marred by the uncontrolled circulation of weapons, property seizure, and deadly shootouts.

A number of Palestinian refugees were arrested in Syria as they returned from European or neighboring destinations. Scores of them have been dragged into military conscription and/or have had their families blackmailed, in serious violation of the international humanitarian law.

The report provides answers to some of the controversial issues raised by European right-wing governments regarding the security situation in and around Damascus.

It refers to Denmark’s decision to strip 94 Palestinians from Syria of their visas on claims that Damascus has become a safe destination.

The report concludes that the arguments provided by Denmark and other governments claiming that Syria is safe to return to are not only counterfeit but they encourage European bodies to force



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their governments to take similar closed-door immigration policies.

Along similar lines, Palestinian refugees from Syria (PRS) in Jordan have denounced delays in aid delivery by the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA).

The refugees said the first batch of cash aid slated to be delivered between March 21 – 28 has not been shelled out yet.

Every refugee is expected to receive a sum of 85 Jordanian dinars. Holders of the national Jordanian number receive 35 dinars.

Palestinian refugees from Syria (PRS) in Jordan are confronted with increased hardship and vulnerability, due to long-term displacement and difficult socio-economic conditions, coupled with the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic, said UNRWA in a fact sheet entitled “Syria Regional Crisis Emergency Appeal 2021”.

According to UNRWA, 100% of PRS in Jordan are in need of winterization assistance and 17,800 PRS are in need of UNRWA cash assistance.

UNRWA said that in 2021, the Agency requires US\$ 318 million to respond to the humanitarian needs of Palestine refugees in Syria, Lebanon and Jordan.

More than 2 million Palestine refugees registered with UNRWA live in Jordan.



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There are ten recognized Palestine refugee camps throughout the country, which accommodate nearly 370,000 Palestine refugees. Jordan hosts the largest number of Palestine refugees of all of the UNWRA fields.

The majority of Palestine refugees have sought humanitarian assistance in Jordan, where they continue to suffer from abject poverty and live in a precarious legal status.

Displaced Palestinian refugees from Syria continue to urge UNRWA to provide them with much-needed cash and medical assistance in order to be able to combat the deadly pandemic COVID-19.

The refugees also called on UNRWA to secure their access to hygiene kit, including disinfectants, gloves, face masks, and medicines.

Meanwhile, Palestinians in AlBal camp, north of Syria, joined rallies held to mark the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Palestinian Land Day.

March 30 marks the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Palestinian Land Day, on which Israeli police shot and killed six Palestinian citizens of Israel as they were protesting the Israeli government's expropriation of thousands of donums of Palestinian land.

Annually, on this very special day, Palestinian refugees take to the streets to speak up for their inalienable rights, most notably their





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right to return to their homeland—Palestine—from which they have been expelled by the Zionist regime.

The Land Day is a major commemorative date in the Palestinian political calendar and an important event in the Palestinian collective narrative as it reveals Palestinians unyielding commitment to every single inch of their native land.

Back in 1976, Israeli attacks on mass protests which saw Palestinian communities resisting not only the theft of land but also overall settler colonial policies of erasure, resulted in six deaths and hundreds of injuries.

In the meantime, Palestinian refugee Muawiya AlFout, aged 37, has been secretly detained in Syria's state run lock-ups for the 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

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.



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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.

### **CSOs**

Live With Dignity Association distributed food boxes worth 300 Turkish liras each to displaced Palestinian and Syrian refugees in the southern Turkish city of Kilis.

The association also handed over food items to refugees in Kahramanmaraş city as part of AlKarama Campaign III launched by Palestinian donors and relief institutions.

Nearly 2,400 Palestinian families from Syria have sought shelter in Turkey, including 1,200 families in Istanbul, where they have been facing an abject situation.