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"AGPS Underscores Dire Situation of Palestinians from Syria in Istanbul"

- Palestinian Refugee Released by Turkish Police
- Hamas Refugee Department Calls for Providing Protection for Palestine Refugees from Syria in Greece
- Insect-Staffed Bread Sold in Khan Dannun Camp for Palestine Refugees

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Latest Developments

In a meeting held a couple of days earlier at the office of the Turkish Association to Support Palestine (FIDAR), AGPS warned of the repercussions of the latest measures pursued by the Turkish authorities in Istanbul against Palestinian refugees without kimlik visa cards.

The meeting underscored the socio-economic and legal hurdles encountered by Palestinians who fled war-torn Syria to Istanbul.

The two sides stressed the need for the Turkish authorities and NGOs to take urgent steps in order to protect Palestinians refugee from Syria and cancel the deportation threats.



They further called for establishing a legal committee to keep tabs on the situation of the refugees and work out their legal condition.

Recently, Turkish police stepped down crackdowns and abduction sweeps, targeting irregular migrants and non-holders of the kimlik visa card in Istanbul.



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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.

Khayra Ummah organization estimated that 400 Palestinian families from Syria without kimlik visas have been taking refuge in Turkey, including 300 families in Istanbul.

Along the same line, the Turkish police released Palestinian refugee Mohamed Marwan AlSukari, from Yarmouk Camp, one day after they detained him in Eskişehir province, in northwestern Turkey, on allegations that he did not carry a temporary protection kimlik visa.



A number of Palestinian refugees have been held in Turkish custody over similar allegations, pending their deportation to Idlib, north of Syria. Most of them carry UNRWA cards testifying to their Palestinianhood.

Activists and refugees' families continue to call on the Palestinian Authority, the Palestine Embassy in Turkey, and all concerned authorities to take urgent action in order to protect Palestinian refugees from forced refoulement.



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Meanwhile, Hamas' Department of Refugee Affairs called for securing psycho-physical and legal protection for Palestinian refugees who entered the Greek authorities, fleeing war-torn Syria.

In a statement, Hamas's Refugee Affairs Office expressed concern over the harsh living conditions endured by Palestinian refugees from Syria after they fled the unabated violence in Syria.



It said Some 160 Palestinian refugees from Syria who have sought refuge in the Greek island of Rhodes have been subjected to a dire humanitarian situation as their camp has been pitched in an area that served as a slaughterhouse for pigs and deprived of vital services, including healthcare, along with power and water.

The department's director Iyad AlMaghari called on the Greek authorities to allow a safe access to Palestinians from Syria into Greece and provide them with the needed services.

The Greek authorities continue to drag their feet over the refugees' calls to have their legal status worked out and to provide them with safe shelters.

Palestinian refugees from Syria continue to risk their lives onboard the "death boats" to Greece, rummaging around for a momentary respite from the daily scenes of bloodshed and destruction.



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AGPS has kept record of the death of dozens of refugees onboard Greece-bound ships. Several others have been arrested by Turkish coast guards.

Activists estimate that around 4,000 Palestinian refugees from Syria are seeking refuge in Greece.

In another development, residents of Khan Dannun Camp for Palestinian refugees in Rif Dimashq continue to denounce the poor-quality bread sold in the area, saying worms and insects have been spotted inside bread loafs.

In live photos circulated on social media network Facebook, insects and flies appear inside bread loafs.

The locals said bread is unfit for human consumption, holding the government's quality control staff and Ministry of Supply responsible for the crisis and calling for serious action in response.