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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



**"182 Residents of AlNeirab Camp for Palestine Refugees Killed in War-Torn Syria"**

- 8,700 Palestinian Families from Syria Facing Dire Conditions in Lebanon
- Palestinians of Syria Grappling with Abject Humanitarian Condition
- Palestinian Refugees among 116 Migrants Detained by Turkish Forces
- Palestinian Refugee Ahmed Eid Secretly Jailed in Syria since 2012

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## Latest Developments

AGPS documented the death of 182 of Palestinian residents of AlNeirab Camp, in Aleppo, all the way through Syria's eight-year conflict.

The list includes 12 refugees who were tortured to death in Syrian government jails; 77 were fatally shot; 32 died under shelling; 15 were subjected to extra-judicial executions; Two refugees were shot by Israeli forces; 23 were killed in blasts; Eight refugees were gunned down by snipers.

The list of victims also includes four Palestinians who were killed after they were kidnapped; Four drowned at sea; Four others died of unknown reasons; and another died on the migration route.

Meanwhile, nearly 8,700 Palestinian families who fled war-torn Syria to Lebanon continue to endure an abject situation due to their ambivalent legal status and dire socio-economic conditions in the country.

UNRWA has identified Palestinian refugees from Syria (PRS) in Lebanon as one of the most marginalized and poorest communities in the region.

In its 2020 Syria crisis emergency appeal, UNRWA said that PRS in Lebanon continue to face high vulnerability and marginalization, making them heavily reliant on UNRWA humanitarian support to cover their basic needs. The socio-economic hardships and unrest experienced by the country have compounded PRS' already dire living conditions.



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According to information collected by UNRWA, more than 80 per cent of PRS indicate that the Agency's cash assistance is their main source of income.

In August and September 2019, UNRWA conducted a verification exercise of PRS in Lebanon and verified the physical presence of 27,803 PRS in the country. The number of PRS in Lebanon has been gradually decreasing over the past two years, and UNRWA estimates that in 2020 the country will continue to host approximately 27,700 PRS (8,450 families).

According to a survey conducted by the American University of Beirut in 2015, nearly 90 percent of the PRS population in Lebanon live in poverty, including 9 per cent who are in extreme poverty and unable to meet even their most essential food requirements.

UNRWA said PRS's vulnerability is further compounded by their precarious legal status. According to the Agency's monitoring data, around 55 percent of PRS do not possess valid legal residency documents. The lack of a valid legal status, often coupled with outdated civil registration documents, results in severely restricted freedom of movement for some PRS in Lebanon due to fear of arrest, detention and being issued a departure order.

Along similar lines, Palestinian refugees in Syria continue to face dire living conditions, after more than nine years of deadly warfare.

According to UN data, over 90 per cent of Palestine refugee households in Syria live in poverty and 40 per cent remain in



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protracted displacement as a result of conflict and the damage and destruction of their homes.

The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) said in its 2020 Syria regional crisis emergency appeal that 126,000 Palestine refugees in Syria (PRS) are identified as extremely vulnerable; 89% live in poverty; 91% live in extreme poverty; and 80% rely on UNRWA cash assistance as their main source of income.

UNRWA also said that 55% of PRS do not possess valid legal residency documents; 100% of PRS are in need of winterization assistance; and 86% of PRS households are reported to be in debt.

UNRWA said that the continuous depreciation of the Syrian pound and the deteriorating socio-economic conditions experienced by all civilians in Syria during the last year have increased the hardship faced by Palestine refugees, whose resilience is at breaking point.

The Agency said that in 2020, ensuring sufficient and predictable funding to the UNRWA Syria Regional Crisis Emergency Appeal is crucial to prevent Palestine refugees in Syria from slipping into further misery and despair.

In another development, Turkish security forces have stopped some 147 migrants attempting to illegally cross into Greece, officials reported.

The Coast Guard stopped 116 migrants, including Palestinians from Syria, who were attempting to cross into Greece on inflatable boats, in two separate operations off the coast of the western province of İzmir.





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Another dinghy carrying 31 migrants was intercepted off the coast of western Aydın province. Sixteen of the migrants were Palestinians and the rest were Syrian nationals, the authorities confirmed.

All of the migrants were either taken to hospitals for medical care or transferred to the provincial migration offices.

In 2019, more than 454,500 irregular migrants were held in Turkey, according to the Interior Ministry.

Turkey has been a key transit point for irregular migrants – often fleeing war and persecution in their native countries – looking to cross into Europe to start new lives.

In the meantime, Palestinian refugee Ahmed Mahmoud Eid has been secretly locked up in Syrian government prisons for the 7th consecutive year.

Ahmed was arrested by Syrian security forces on February 1, 2013 and dragged to an unknown destination. His condition and whereabouts remain unknown.

AGPS documented the secret detention of over 1,700 Palestinian refugees in Syria's state-run penitentiaries, where hundreds of others have also been fatally tortured.