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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"Palestinian Refugee Children in Syria Denied Access to Food Items via Smart Card"

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Latest Developments

A number of Palestinian refugees said their children aged below 15 have been barred from smart cards used by the Syrian government to ration bread and a wider range of subsidized goods, namely fuel, rice, tea, and sugar.

Several refugee families said they have not received sufficient quantities of bread and food items.

After more than ten years of conflict, Palestine refugees continue to be one of the most vulnerable groups in Syria with immense humanitarian needs.

Palestinian refugees in Syria (PRS) continue to launch cries for help over their deteriorating humanitarian condition due to the sharp decrease in the exchange rate of the Syrian pound compared to the USD and their lack of access to the local labor market. The price leap has also overburdened the cash-stripped refugees. House rents have also seen a striking hike from previous years.

In another development, Syrian security forces arrested a drug trafficker and a number of consumers in AlNeirab Camp for Palestinian refugees, in Aleppo.

A man called “Shteivi” was arrested over charges of drug trafficking in AlNeirab Camp. He named a list of people involved in drug consumption and trafficking.



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On Saturday, Syrian policemen stormed AlNeirab Camp and arrested five people who were named by ‘Shteivi’. The residents said drug traffickers were not however arrested in the sweep though their names were revealed to the police. The list includes Mahmoud Khalil Zahouri, nicknamed Arnoub, and Ammar Wajih Abdul Rahim, both affiliated with Mohamed Ahmed AlSaid, commander of the pro-regime Liwaa AlQuds Brigade.

Reports of drug consumption and trafficking have increasingly emerged in AlNeirab Camp for Palestinian refugees, in Syria.

Over recent years, members of Liwaa AlQuds armed group, affiliated with the Syrian regime, have been accused of running a network for drug trafficking in AlNeirab displacement camp and adjacent areas.

Drug distribution is often carried out by children aged below 18 and members of cash-strapped and vulnerable families who are exploited by illicit drug trafficking networks which are subject to drug prohibition laws.

Meanwhile, residents of AlAyedeen Camp for Palestinian refugees, in Hums, said main access roads have been crammed with street stalls, resulting in traffic jam.

The phenomenon sparked controversial responses in an area that has been gripped with multiple hardships due to the ten-year conflict.



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Police patrolled the area to remove stalls and penalize street vendors on main access roads.

Stall owners appealed to the concerned authorities to allocate a yard on the outskirts of the camp where they can earn a living to feed their families.

Meanwhile, residents of AlHusainiya Camp, in Rif Dimashq, have denounced the poor infrastructure and absence of vital services in the area, saying mounds of trash have been piled up across residential alleyways.

The residents further slammed local authorities for turning their back on their frequent appeals to rehabilitate unpaved streets and alleys, particularly in the southern corners of the camp.

The residents also said that they have been enduring frequent water and power blackouts along with an acute shortage in much-needed items. The absence of means of transportation has resulted in movement restrictions that have made their access to areas outside the camp quite difficult.

A few years earlier, offensives launched on the camp by regime forces using MIG warplanes led to the death of dozens of civilians in AlHusainiya Camp and a massive material destruction. Bloody shootouts between the opposition outfits and the Syrian government forces culminated in the latter's takeover of the camp on October 9, 2013.



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In the meantime, the Presidency of Damascus University issued a decision not to grant a transcript of scores or graduation certification for students of graduation year unless they obtain a detailed statement from immigration authorities clarifying their movement from and back to the country.

The decision includes students of faculties of Arts and Humanities, Economics, Education, Law, Sharia, Political Science, and affiliated branches at the University of Damascus.

Students who travelled to another destination will face difficulties trying to get their transcripts.