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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



### "56 Palestinian Children Arrested by Syrian Security Forces South of Damascus"

- **Palestinian Refugees in Syria Urge UNRWA to Deliver Much-Needed Food Aid**
- **Over 30 Migrants Sustain Food-Borne Infections on Greek Island**
- **Over 37,000 Irregular Migrants Deported from Turkey in 2019**

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## Latest Developments

56 Palestinian children were arrested by the Syrian security forces in Yalda town, south of Damascus, after schoolchildren from AlJarmak School tore a poster of the Syrian president.

An AGPS reporter said Syrian officers raided AlJarmak School and arrested 20 children. Another 36 schoolchildren were arrested from their homes. The arrestees are aged between 10 and 16.

Tension has been running high in the area. Civilians have appealed to all concerned parties to work on releasing their children at the soonest possible time over torture concerns.



Syrian authorities claimed the arrested children were affiliated with ISIS militias, which the families strongly denied.

A boy who was released sometime later said the students were interrogated over alleged ties with ISIS.

Over 5,000 Palestinian refugees have been taking shelter in southern Damascus towns, where they continue to struggle for survival due to the price leap, steep rental fees, high unemployment rates, and security upheaval.



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Along similar lines, Palestinian refugees in Syria have called on the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) and the General Authority for Palestinian Arab Refugees (GAPAR) to resume its food assistance services for thousands of families scattered across the war-torn country.

In a letter emailed to AGPS, Palestinian refugees stressed the need for serious coordination between local relief committees which are slated to meet sometime soon in order to set practical mechanisms for urgent food assistance.

The refugees slammed UNRWA for its reluctance regarding their frequent appeals to deliver food allowances, particularly to sick refugees.

A couple of days earlier, GAPAR urged UNRWA to enhance its follow-up mechanisms in 2020 regarding the situation in Palestinian refugee camps in and around Damascus and to take part in a meeting slated to be held in this regard.

The warfare in Syria has led to massive destruction in Palestinian refugee camps and facilities across the country, including dozens of UN-run premises.

After more than eight years of conflict, Palestinian refugees in Syria continue to be one of the most vulnerable communities, with immense humanitarian needs.

Meanwhile, more than 30 cases of food poisoning have been spotted among migrants taking refuge on the Greek island of Leros, according to activists.





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The affected migrants, mostly children, were taken by ambulances to a local hospital for treatment.

The activists attributed the health crisis to rotten meals “unfit for human consumption” which were handed over to the migrants.



Some 150 Palestinians from Syria are taking refuge in substandard facilities set up in Leros Island, where they have been subjected to an exacerbated humanitarian situation due to the absence of vital services, including health care, housing, relief assistance, and power and water.

Meanwhile, since the eruption of the bloody civil war in Syria in 2011, Turkey has taken in millions of refugees who fled their country, making Turkey the world’s top refugee-hosting country, the city governor said Saturday.

Yerlikaya also underlined that 37,582 irregular migrants had been deported from Istanbul in 2019, while this figure had been 11,292 during the previous year.

Ankara has so far spent \$40 billion on the refugees, according to official figures.



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Yerlikaya said that some 118,432 irregular migrants were caught in Istanbul during the year, while the number had been 28,364 in 2018.

The figures showed that the number of irregular migrants held in 2019 in the metropolis was more than the total during the previous last three years.

Turkey has been a key transit point for irregular migrants aiming to cross to Europe to start new lives, especially those fleeing war and persecution.

