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"Palestinian Refugee Killed in Northern Syria Shootouts"

- Residents of Yarmouk Refugee Camp Receive New Return Pledges
- Palestinian Families Flee AlMuzeireeb Town to Daraa Refugee Camp
- Palestinian Refugee Samir Mohamed Forcibly Disappeared in Syria for 9th Year

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Victims

Palestinian refugee from Syria Nidhal Ahmad Dirbas, from Yarmouk Camp, was killed as he took part in armed fighting in the northern Syrian province of Idlib.

According to AGPS data, 4,030 Palestinian refugees from Syria have been pronounced dead since the outbreak of the bloody conflict, in 2011.



Latest Developments

Displaced families have received pledges by Damascus Governorate to return to Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian refugees in the near future.

The promises were made by member of Damascus statistics and planning committee Samir AlJazaerli.

AlJazaerli said the engineering company has set three ways to rehabilitate Yarmouk Camp: To refine main streets and reconstruct the most affected areas; or to reconstruct the most affected areas and keep the status quo in the old Yarmouk camp, in line with the 2004 chart amended in 2013. The third proposed solution is to have the 220-hectare area completely reconstructed before civilians are



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allowed to return to their homes on condition of proven property ownership.

He added that the displaced families will be allowed to return to their homes in the next few months, pending the reconstruction of uninhabitable homes, adding that contacts have been ongoing between local authorities and the General Authority for Palestinian Arab Refugees to that end.



Sometime earlier, Jazaerli said the old Yarmouk Camp has a legal specificity and is directly supervised by the General Authority for Palestinian Arab Refugees. Therefore, property ownership in the camp can only be proved by means of official documents, including a residence permit or a court order.

Given the above mentioned conditions, Law 10, which allows the Syrian government to designate zones for redevelopment, cannot be put into effect, he added.

Scores of stranded families fled Yarmouk camp following the 33-day military operation launched by the Syrian government forces on April 19, 2018. Dozens of civilians were killed and dozens more injured in the offensive. Over 60% of buildings in Yarmouk have gone either totally or partially destroyed in the warfare.



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Meanwhile, a number of displaced Palestinian families returned to Daraa refugee camp, fleeing the life-threatening security turmoil in AlMuzeireeb town, south of Syria.

Palestinians taking shelter in AlMuzeireeb town continue to express deep concern over the security situation in the area as reports have increasingly emerged on new assassination attempts targeting Palestinian refugees.

AGPS documented the death of dozens of Palestinian refugees in AlMuzeireeb town, home to 1,700 Palestinian families and hundreds of other families displaced from Daraa refugee camp.

The situation in the nearby Daraa camp has been no less alarming. All the way through Syria's nine-year conflict, residents of Daraa Camp for Palestinian refugees, south of Syria, have been grappling with dire humanitarian conditions owing to the high rates of unemployment and absence of vital facilities.

Founded in 1950-1951, Daraa Camp is home to over 650 displaced Palestinian families. As many as 4,500 families used to take shelter in the camp prior to the outbreak of the conflict, in 2011.

In the meantime, Palestinian refugee Samir Kacem Mohamed, born in 1985, has been secretly locked up in Syrian government prisons for over eight years running.

Samir was kidnapped on November 11, 2011 near AlHamed Mall, in Daraa. His condition and whereabouts have been shrouded in mystery.

His family continues to appeal for information regarding his condition and whereabouts.



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According to AGPS data, 1,787 Palestinian refugees have been secretly incarcerated in Syria's state-run jails, including dozens of women and minors.

