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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"Palestinian Refugee Kidnapped from His Shop South of Syria"

- Number of Palestinian Refugees in Hums Camp Goes Down
- New Committees Formed to Smooth Return of Displaced Families to Southern Syria
- Palestinian Refugee Zaher Murad Held in Syrian Gov't Prisons for 8th Year
- Cash Aid Handed Over to Palestinian Orphans North of Syria

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Latest Developments

Palestinian refugee Nasr Mahawesh was kidnapped by anonymous gunmen from his commercial shop in AlMuzeireeb town, in Daraa's western outskirts, south of Syria.

Eye-witnesses said assailants broke into the man's shop and forced him out at gunpoint, before they dragged him to a white van and fled.

In another development, data by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) indicates that 13,000 Palestinian are currently sheltered in AlAyedeen camp in Homs, down from 22,000 in prior to the outbreak of the Syrian conflict.

Palestinian refugees taking shelter in AlAyedeen Camp in Hums have been facing a deteriorating humanitarian situation as a result of the price leap, sharp shortage in fuel supplies, the frequent power blackouts, and absence of humanitarian assistance. High rates of unemployment and the security turmoil rocking the region have made the situation far more alarming.

UN data indicates that the camp lies within the town of Hums, 160 km north of Damascus, on an area of 0.15 square kilometers, adjacent to al-Baath University. The camp was established in 1949 following the displacement of Palestinians during the first Arab-Israeli War of 1948-49. Many of the refugees living in the camp are originally from the villages surrounding Haifa, Tiberias and Acre in northern Palestine.



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Before the crisis, the camp was home to 22,000 Palestine refugees. The majority of them used to work as laborers, local civil servants and vendors. However, since the start of the conflict in 2011, the original camp population has reduced to 9,000, with many seeking refuge abroad.

The camp has remained relatively calm and stable, despite Hums city being one of the most severely affected cities by the war with several neighborhoods reduced to rubble. This has caused the camp population to increase - thousands of displaced Syrians and Palestine refugees from Hums itself, as well as other areas, have moved to the camp. Demand for UNRWA services has grown due to this influx. There are currently 13,000 Palestine refugees living in the camp, and another 2,000 in surrounding areas.

Like other areas in Syria, displacement, unemployment, inflation, protection and security risks are among the main concerns shared by Palestine refugees and Syrians alike.

Meanwhile, a number of committees have been established by Damascus governorate as part of underway attempts to rehabilitate ALTadhamun area, south of Damascus, pending the return of displaced families to their homes.

Another committee to follow up on the work of the city council of AlHajar AlAswad, south of Damascus, has also seen the day, in a move aiming to pave the way for the return of civilians to their habitable homes in AlThawra and Tishreen neighborhoods.



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Palestinian families displaced from southern Damascus neighborhoods continue to call on the concerned authorities to allow them a safe return to their homes and to press ahead with reconstruction projects.

Civilians said their economic situation has dramatically gone downhill amid the lockdown measures imposed on the country to rein in coronavirus propagation.

Meanwhile, Palestinian refugee Zaher Jihad Murad has been secretly held in Syria's state-run prisons for the eight consecutive year.

Zaher, born in 1976, was kidnapped in late October 2012 from Harasta town in Rif Dimashq. His family and children have not seen him from that time.

AGPS has documented the secret detention of 1,797 Palestinian refugees in Syrian government prisons, among them 110 women and girls.

In the meantime, ASPIRE Association for Relief of Palestinian Refugees (Australia), in partnership with the Documentation Center of Palestinian Refugees in Northern Syria, distributed cash grants to 181 Palestinian orphans displaced to northern Syria. Every child received a sum of 38 USD.

The list of orphans includes 80 children in and around Atama, 39 children in I'zaz, 39 in AlBab town, and 18 in Efrin.

Aspire Association said it amassed 7,000 USD which were transferred to vulnerable Palestinian families.



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Hundreds of Palestinian and Syrian families who have been forcibly deported to northern Syria have been grappling with an abject humanitarian situation as most of them have been taking cover in underequipped tents and denied access to vital facilities and services.