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"Property-Theft Attempts Ongoing in Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian Refugees"

- 70 of Homes in Syria's Yarmouk Camp for Palestine Refugees Destroyed, Says PLO Official
- Activists Launch Appeals for Release of Palestinian Refugees Detained in Turkey
- Educational Event for Palestine Refugees Concluded in Lebanon

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Latest Developments

A flock of four vehicles was reportedly caught on Sunday, August 4, stealing wooden doors and furniture from abandoned buildings and in Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian refugees, in Damascus.

Over recent years, pro-government militias have been raking through evacuated homes in Yarmouk and holding sway over furniture, copper, iron, and kitchenware belonging to displaced families.

Reports of theft have emerged after Syrian government forces grabbed hold of the camp and burglarized civilian homes.



The Syrian government forces regained control over Yarmouk Camp and southern Damascus towns following a 33-day military operation launched in April 2018. Dozens of civilians were killed and dozens more injured in the offensive. Over 60% of buildings have gone either totally or partially destroyed in the warfare.

Along the same line, head of the political department of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), Anwar Abdul Hadi, said 70% of homes in Yarmouk Camp along with the infrastructure



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have sustained total damage in the warfare. 30% were partially damaged.

According to Abdul Hadi, the Syrian government is considering reconstructing the camp, adding that an ad hoc committee will finalize a plan to that end in a month's time.

Speaking with Palestine TV, the PLO official said that over the past four months the Syrian authorities carried out field surveys and embarked on mine clearance operations as part of underway attempts to rehabilitate the Palestinian refugee camp.

Abdul Hadi said the Syrian government will take charge of the reconstruction of infrastructure and three floors of civilian buildings. Six floors will be greenlighted by the government, up from three in previous years. Chinese partners are slated to provide the camp with cement and iron.

40 families have remained in Yarmouk Camp, stated Abdul Hadi.

UNRWA data indicate that out of 560,000 Palestinian refugees formerly sheltered in Syria, 450,000 have become internally displaced and 120,000 fled to other destinations, including 28,000 to Lebanon and 17,000 to Jordan.

Meanwhile, hundreds of Palestinian families from Syria in Turkey have called on the concerned authorities to take urgent steps in order to urge the Turkish authorities to release Palestinian refugees Khaled Ahmed AlAbtah, detained in Edirne prison since July 22, 2019, and Ahmad Jamil ALSayed, held in custody since July 30.



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Both refugees were arrested in a sweep launched by Turkish police against irregular migrants and non-holders of the kimlik visa card in Istanbul.

Their families have called on the Palestinian Authority and Palestine Embassy to take serious measures in order to protect Palestinian refugees from Syria and cancel the deportation threats.



Recently, Turkish police stepped down crackdowns and abduction sweeps, targeting irregular migrants and non-holders of the kimlik visa card in Istanbul.

Nearly 2,400 Palestinian families from Syria have sought shelter in Turkey, including 1,200 families in Istanbul, where they have been facing an abject situation.

Khayra Ummah organization estimated that 400 Palestinian families from Syria without kimlik visas have been taking refuge in Turkey, among them 300 families in Istanbul.

In the meantime, the International Association of Palestinian Teachers wrapped up, on Saturday, August 3, the fourth edition of “We Learn Happily for Palestine” summer camp, held in



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cooperation with the Lebanese ex-education Minister, Abdul Raheem Murad, and the International Association of Palestinian Institutions.

Palestinian students from Syria in Lebanon took part in the educational camp, which kicked off on July 26 at Dar AlHanan orphanage, in western Bekaa.

The event makes part of underway attempts to bridge intellectual gaps created by the English-based curricula in Lebanon for Palestinians from Syria and to provide a catch-up program for refugees who have faced difficulties accessing educational services.

English language courses, robotics clubs, rapid calculation tools, painting workshops, and other activities were held as part of the camp so as to boost students' self-confidence and intellectual output.

