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"Residents of Palestinian Displacement Camp in Syria Summoned to Questioning"

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Latest Developments

A number of civilians taking shelter in AlNeirab refugee camp were summoned for interrogation over recent Facebook posts.

A resident who was summoned for interrogation told an AGPS reporter that the posts tackled social rather than political matters.

Over recent years, several Palestinian refugees have been chased down by Syrian security forces over alleged “cyber crimes”.

In early 2011, the Syrian regime passed Law N°26 in an attempt to quell cyber freedom and politicized social media posts.



Cybercrimes can be defined as: "Offences that are committed against individuals or groups of individuals with a criminal motive to intentionally harm the reputation of the victim or cause physical or mental harm, or loss, to the victim directly or indirectly, using modern telecommunication networks such as Internet (networks including chat rooms, emails, notice boards and groups) and mobile phones (Bluetooth/SMS/MMS)".



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In another development, the Follow-Up Committee of Palestinian refugees from Syria in Gaza said UNRWA has requested to convene a meeting with the committee representatives on Thursday, May 7, after the committee refused to delay a vigil slated to be held outside of the Agency's head office.

Sometime earlier, UNRWA pledged to respond to the refugees' demands in the enclave and to work on securing humanitarian grants for them.



The Follow-Up Committee held UNRWA and the Palestine Liberation Organization responsible for the deteriorating humanitarian situation of Palestinian refugees who returned from Syria to Gaza.

Some 150 Palestinian refugee families from Syria who returned to the blockaded Gaza Strip have been facing an abject humanitarian situation in the Israeli-blockaded enclave.

The refugees say they have been deprived of humanitarian assistance by UNRWA and the Palestine Liberation Organization.



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Palestinians living in the Gaza Strip have been enduring dire living conditions due to the 13-year-long Israeli siege and the devastating upshots of the Israeli onslaughts on the coastal enclave.

Civilians continue to launch cries for help over the high rates of unemployment, lack of financial resources, and movement crackdowns, which they said have made life quite unbearable in Gaza.

The offensives launched by the Israeli military on Gaza have turned the enclave into a hell on earth as most families have lost their sources of incomes, homes, and property.

According to data by the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), Gaza is one of the world's most densely populated areas, with more than 5,000 inhabitants per square kilometer. The Gaza Strip is smaller than the city of Oslo but is home to three times as many people.

A 2012 UN report predicted the Palestinian enclave would be “unlivable” by 2020 if nothing was done to ease the blockade, but in June 2017 a UN report on living conditions in Gaza stated that all the indicators were going in the wrong direction and that deadline was actually approaching even faster than earlier predicted.

Gaza is described by many Palestinians and humanitarian actors as the world’s largest open-air prison, where nearly 2 million Palestinians live behind a blockade and are refused access to the other occupied Palestinian areas and the rest of the world.

NRC said 7 out of 10 Palestinians in Gaza are registered as refugees, and many of these come from families who were forced to leave their



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villages in 1948. Many have also been forced to leave their homes due to war, violence, and economic hardship.

In the meantime, unknown gunmen killed nine Syrian policemen on Monday in a AlMuzeireeb village, state media and an opposition war monitor said.

The attack occurred in the province of Daraa where Syria's anti-government uprising began in March 2011 before morphing into a war that has killed more than 400,000 people and displaced half the country's population.

Syria's state news agency SANA said that the nine policemen were killed in the village of Muzeireeb by armed gunmen who attacked them while they were on duty. It listed the names of the dead policemen without giving further details.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, an opposition war monitor, reported that a group of unknown gunmen kidnapped the nine policemen before shooting them dead and leaving their bodies in one of the village's streets.

In another development, mosques in AlSabina camp for Palestinian refugees have started unlocking their doors before worshipers, after staff and volunteers have been spotted disinfecting mosque furniture.

The move comes following a decision by the Syrian Religious Affairs Ministry to reopen mosques and allow Muslim worshipers to perform Friday prayers in congregation. The other daily prayers will be kept momentarily suspended to avoid further contaminations.



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Worshippers are asked to wear masks, wash their hands before getting into the mosque, and to keep a safety distance. The prayer is to last for no more than 10 minutes.

