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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"Palestinian Refugees with Syrian Travel Documents Enduring Frail Legal Status"

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- 300 Palestinian Refugees from Syria Quarantined in Greek Migrant Camp
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Latest Developments

Palestinian refugees with Syrian travel documents have been denied entry into a number of neighboring and European countries.

PRS in Lebanon are denied the right to obtain/renew visas. Palestinian refugees from Syria are reported to lack legal status in Lebanon. The absence of a specific legislation addressing their unique situation along with their ambivalent legal status and the inhospitality shown by local authorities combine to make life unbearable for Palestinian refugees in Lebanon.

Most of the Gulf countries along with Turkey and a number of Arab governments have also outlawed granting visas to Palestinians with Syrian travel documents.

Many Palestinians had fled to Syria as refugees since 1948. Palestinian refugees are excluded from naturalizing as Syrian nationals (despite their long-term residence in the country), in accordance with the Casablanca Protocol, in order to protect their right to return to Palestine.

Meanwhile, UNRWA said it has reached out to over 10,000 elderly Palestinian refugees in Syria to check up on their health condition and provide them with anti-coronavirus precaution tips.

The nine-year warfare rocking the Syrian territories has forced Palestinian refugees, most notably children and the elderly, to endure terrible experiences and witness nightmarish scenes that far exceed one's capacity to get to grips with them.



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With reports of destruction, bloodshed, displacement, and death occurring around the clock, elderly Palestinian refugees have gone traumatized.

Along similar lines, a refugee camp in Nea Kavala in Greece was quarantined by health authorities on Thursday, after a pregnant woman tested positive for Covid-19, according to local media reports.

Teams from the National Organization for Public Health (EODY), along with the Health Ministry's infectious disease expert Sotiris Tsiodras, have been at the camp testing all residents.

The new infection prompted Peonia mayor Kostas Sionidis to close six schools in the area where refugee children attend classes.

Sionidis told local news website Voria that most of the children attend the afternoon classes but some have joined the morning courses. The municipality has sent crews to disinfect the buildings.

The camp is home to 1,550 people, including 300 Palestinian refugees from Syria, who have been enduring squalid conditions and denied their basic human rights.

In the meantime, the Palestinians of Syria Association in Turkey called on Palestinian families from Syria to send their children's personal data to the Association pending the latter's coordination with Turkish institutions in order to allow children's access to schools and hospitals, among other vital facilities.

The Association said families should send their children's information at the soonest possible time so as to work on enrolling them at schools starting September.



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Recently, activists from the Palestinians of Syria Association in Turkey have embarked on an initiative seeking to work out the legal hurdles faced by Palestinian refugees from Syria, particularly those who illegally entered the Turkish territories and unregistered Palestinian children in Turkey.

Over recent months, Palestinian refugees from Syria have expressed concerns over their deteriorating condition particularly in light of the new movement clampdown imposed across Turkish provinces as part of anti-coronavirus measures.

A large number of companies, factories, and shops shut their doors for fear of further COVID-19 contaminations. Several Palestinian families have lost their sole sources of income as a result.

Along similar lines, the Turkish Coast Guard rescued 100 asylum seekers off the Aegean Sea coast of Canakkale town, security sources said Saturday.

The asylum seekers of different nationalities wanted to cross to Mytilene Island of Greece.

They were onboard rubber boats that were directed to Turkish territorial waters by the Greek Coast Guard, said the sources, who asked not to be named due to restrictions on speaking to the media.

Drone footage of the rescue operation was shared by Turkey's Defense Ministry on Twitter.

Upon reaching Turkey, they were provided with food and clothing by Turkish officials.



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

Turkey earlier this year opened its gates for irregular migrants wanting to cross to Europe, accusing the EU of failing to keep its promises under a 2016 migrant deal.