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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



### "Palestinian Refugee Woman, Her Daughter to be Deported from Sweden"

- Palestinians from Syria in Jordan Deprived of Coronavirus Vaccine
- 8 Palestinians Rescued off Turkish Coast, 3 Feared Dead
- Palestinian Refugee Faysal Abu Shalah Forcibly Disappeared by Syrian Regime

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## Latest Developments

The Swedish immigration authorities issued a deportation order against a Palestinian refugee and her daughter on claims that Damascus, where they had been sheltered, is now safe.

The refugee, who spoke with AGPS on condition of anonymity, said she received the order shortly after she was notified by the migration authorities in Sweden. The mother and her daughter will be boarding a Lebanon-bound flight next Friday.

The refugee said she fled Yarmouk Camp in Syria with her five-year-old daughter following the death of her husband in the war-torn country in 2016. She irregularly entered Sweden and applied for humanitarian asylum in 2019.

The mother slammed the “inhumane” decision and appealed to the international humanitarian and human rights organizations to pressurize the Swedish authorities to backtrack on the refoulement decision.

The 24th report of the UN Syria Commission of Inquiry released on September 14 stressed that the country is not fit for safe and dignified returns of refugees due to the upsurge in fighting and the return to violence.

“One decade in, the parties to the conflict continue to perpetrate war crimes and crimes against humanity and infringing the basic human rights of Syrians. The war on Syrian civilians continues,



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and it is difficult for them to find security or safe haven in this war-torn country,” the Chair of the Commission, Paulo Pinheiro told a press conference in Geneva.

According to the report, as President Assad enters his fourth term in office – controlling about 70% of the territory and 40% of the pre-war population – there seem to be no moves to unite the country or seek reconciliation. On the contrary, incidents of arbitrary and incommunicado detention by Government forces continue unabated.

The Commission said it has continued to document not only torture and sexual violence in detention but also custodial deaths and enforced disappearances.

Further, during the reporting period, the Syrian economy has been rapidly deteriorating, causing bread prices to soar and a striking more than 50 per cent increase in food insecurity compared with last year.

“The overall situation in Syria looks increasingly bleak. In addition to intensifying violence, the economy is plummeting, Mesopotamia’s famous riverbeds are at their driest in decades, and widespread community transmission of the COVID-19 seems unstoppable by a health care system decimated by the war and lacking oxygen and vaccines. This is no time for anyone to think that Syria is a country fit for its refugees to return”, Commissioner Karen Koning AbuZayd stated.



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In another development, thousands of Palestinian refugees in Jordan have been denied the right to take anti-coronavirus vaccines on claims that they do not hold legal visas.

The situation of Palestinians from Syria is particularly a cause for alarm as the majority among them have fled the war-torn country and entered neighboring destinations through illegal routes.

A number of Palestinian refugees told AGPS that they are not covered by the latest Interior Ministry decision to vaccinate foreigners.

In its fact sheet entitled “Syria Regional Crisis Emergency Appeal 2021”, UNRWA said Palestinian refugees from Syria (PRS) in Jordan are confronted with increased hardship and vulnerability due to long-term displacement and difficult socio-economic conditions, coupled with the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic.

According to UNRWA, 100% of PRS in Jordan are in need of winterization assistance and 17,800 PRS are in need of UNRWA cash assistance.

More than 2 million Palestine refugees registered with UNRWA live in Jordan.

There are ten recognized Palestine refugee camps throughout the country, which accommodate nearly 370,000 Palestine refugees. Jordan hosts the largest number of Palestine refugees of all of the UNWRA fields.



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Along similar lines, eight Palestinian refugees were rescued by Turkish coast guard off the Bodrum coast, in the Aegean Sea.

The refugees attempted to safely reach Greek seashores.

Search operations continue to identify the fate of another three Palestinian migrants who have gone missing in the trip.

Sometime earlier, Palestine's Ambassador to Turkey, Fayed Mustafa, told Voice of Palestine radio that the embassy is following up on the search operations after the lifeless body of one Palestinian from Gaza was found at a Turkish beach.

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.

In the meantime, Palestinian refugee Faysal Khaled Abu Shalah, born in 1974, has been secretly held in Syrian government prisons for the seventh consecutive year.

Faysal, a resident of AlMuzeireeb town, was arrested at a government checkpoint in Deraa, south of Syria, in July 2014.

AGPS has been deeply concerned about the upsurge in the number of Palestinian victims of torture and enforced disappearance in Syria.

Over 1,790 Palestinian refugees have been secretly held in Syrian government dungeons since the outburst of deadly hostilities.



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AGPS also documented the death of over 600 Palestinian refugees under torture in Syrian government lock-ups, including women, children, and elderly civilians.

Affidavits by ex-detainees provided evidence on the involvement of Syrian government officers in harsh torture tactics, including electric shocks, heavy beating using whips and iron sticks, and sexual abuse against Palestinian detainees, in a flagrant violation of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, commonly known as the United Nations Convention against Torture (UNCAT).