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الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية

Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



**"8 Palestinian Refugees Pronounced Dead in Syria in December 2018"**

- UNRWA Suspends Health Services for Palestinians from Syria in Egypt
- Displaced Palestinian Family from Syria Flees Back to Lebanon
- Palestinians from Syria in Lebanon Subjected to Precarious Legal Status

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## Latest Developments

AGPS documented the death of eight Palestinian refugees in war-torn Syria in December 2018.

The list includes three Palestinians who were fatally gunned down and five others who were tortured to death in Syrian state prisons.

According to AGPS statistics, as many as 3,911 Palestinian refugees died of war-related incidents in Syria.



Meanwhile, UNRWA office in Egypt halted healthcare services for Palestinian refugees from war-torn Syria who have sought shelter in Egypt.

Reporting from Cairo, an AGPS news correspondent said UNRWA has not shelled out the 900,000 Egyptian pounds it owes to Mustafa Mahmoud Hospital and has not deposited an additional sum to cover the 2019 expenses.

A number of Palestinian refugees from Syria used to benefit from services provided by UNRWA and the Egyptian Red Crescent. Such services include surgeries at Mustafa Mahmoud Hospital in Cairo. A



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patient also used to receive daily coupons of 200 Egyptian pounds to purchase medicines. Those diagnosed with chronic illnesses used to receive a monthly allowance of 900 Egyptian pounds.

Along the same line, a Palestinian family returned to Lebanon shortly after it had left the country on way to Khan Eshieh Camp in Syria.

A family member dubbed the humanitarian situation in Syria as “tragic” owing to the security mayhem, uncontrolled weapon-possession, chronic power/water blackouts, and lack of basic services.



Palestinian refugees from Syria in Lebanon continue to face a bleak future due to their ambivalent legal status and the inhospitality shown by local authorities.

Palestinian refugees from Syria are reported to lack legal status in Lebanon. The absence of specific legislation addressing the unique situation of the Palestinians of Syria has made them vulnerable to marginalization within the Lebanese polity, both as individuals and as a community.



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Palestinian refugees from Syria in Lebanon are also treated as foreigners rather than as asylum-seekers and are, thus, denied the right to renewed stays and subjected to forced deportation.

Recently, refugees and activists have slammed the calls launched by the Palestine Embassy and popular committees affiliated with the Palestine Liberation Organization urging Palestinian refugees to return to Syria and vowing to grant returnees a sum of \$1,000 per every single family, as pledged by the Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas.

The refugees denounced the absence of serious arrangements and coordination with the Syrian authorities, UNRWA, and other concerned bodies as regards the return of Palestinian families from Lebanon to Syria. 59% of those families used to take shelter in the unreconstructed Yarmouk Camp. Returnees risk being arrested, displaced, or forcibly recruited by pro-government battalions.

