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Latest Developments

Palestinian refugees in Syria leveled heavy criticism at a Fatah delegation that showed up in Damascus on January 6, led by the secretary of the group's Central Committee, Jibril AlRujoub.

The refugees said Fatah leaders have turned blind eyes and deaf ears to the dire humanitarian situation in displacement camps for Palestinian refugees across the Syrian territories.

They added that the situation of PRS has been excluded from Fatah's agenda and the discussions it has been conducting with the Syrian regime.

Recently, member of Fatah's central committee, Samir AlRefai, also Palestine's Ambassador to Syria, told a media platform that the visit falls in line with the 57th anniversary of Fatah founding in Yarmouk Camp. As part of the commemoration ceremony, Rujoub is expected to deliver a speech and to hand over, during a meeting with Syrian Foreign minister, Faysal Miqdad, a letter on behalf of Abbas to the Syrian President about the Palestinian cause and bilateral ties. No reference to the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria has, however, been made by the delegation.

Palestinian refugees said that instead of holding a festival in the ravaged Yarmouk Camp, Fatah and the Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas should rather work on reconstructing the camp and rehabilitating vital facilities in order to enable



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displaced families to return to their homes and retrieve their property.

They further called on the delegation to pressurize the Syrian regime to facilitate families' return to Yarmouk Camp at the earliest possible time and reveal the condition and whereabouts of forcibly-disappeared Palestinian refugees in Syria.

In another development, seven Palestinian refugees sheltered in Khan Dannun Camp, in Rif Dimashq, were released from Syrian prisons on January 1, 2022.

Mohamed Subhi Sa'id, Samir Subhi Sa'id, Maher Mousa, Ismail Mousa, Rami Sa'id, Kutaibah Nayef Sa'id, and Ibrahim Yakoob, were freed following nearly three months behind Syrian prison bars. They reportedly paid large sums of money to Syrian authorities as a guarantee for their release.

Local sources told AGPS that the seven residents were arrested on October 19, 2021 after an explosive device went off in a garbage container injuring a waste collector who was rushed to the Mujtahed Hospital in the area.

Meanwhile, Palestinian refugees displaced from Syria in Lebanon have called on UNRWA to take urgent action in response to the dire socio-economic condition and abject poverty they have been grappling with in the Lebanese territories.



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The refugees denounced UNRWA's latest decision to cut aid for PRS and suspend shelter and food grants, urging the agency to cancel the decision and deliver winter aid to vulnerable families.

Starting 2022, UNRWA decided that multi-purpose monthly cash grants of 100 USD to every registered family be reduced to 25 USD per person, resulting in further despair for PRS.

At the same time, dozens of displaced Palestinian families from Syria in the Lebanese AlBekaa region urged UNRWA to hand them much-needed humanitarian aid with the advent of a freezing winter season.

Palestinian families taking refuge in AlBekaa have been struggling for survival in the face of the sub-zero temperatures rocking the mountainous region and the rain downpours swamping their poorly-equipped tents.

The price leap and steep rental fees, along with the absence of relief aids, have made life unbearable for the Palestinian refugees in AlBekaa.

Some 27,000 Palestinians from Syria have sought refuge in Lebanon, where they have been enduring exacerbated living conditions and subjected to a precarious legal status.

Along similar lines, displaced Palestinian families taking shelter in the so-called "youth housing" apartments in Qudsaya town, in Rif Dimashq, have been enduring dire socio-economic conditions due to the exorbitant prices of food and non-food items along with the



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high rates of unemployment and acute shortage in power, water, and fuel supplies.

Civilians' life has also been marred by the transportation crisis.

House rents in the area have hit up to 300,000 Syrian Pounds. Houseowners often stipulate an advance payment of several coming months.

At the same time, the residents continue to sound the alarm over the security turmoil overwhelming the area and the heavy deployment of political security forces across residential alleyways.