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Latest Developments

Some 50 Palestinian families who fled war-torn Syria to Thailand continue to appeal for humanitarian action over the squalid conditions they have been facing in the country, to which they headed in quest of safe housing and better economic opportunities. Soon after they landed in Thailand, the refugees were ordered to leave within a period of no more than two months.

All the way through the past eight years, the Thai authorities have been treating Palestinians from Syria as lawbreakers rather than asylum seekers fleeing war-stricken zones. A number of refugees have been arrested after they overstayed their visas.

Dozens of Palestinian and Syrian refugees from Syria have been grappling with dire conditions in Thailand, according to testimonies by refugees from Bangkok.





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Refugee families in Thailand also risk to go forcibly deported after the Thai authorities issued a decision to tighten grip on refugees without legal residence permits. The measure has brought about serious fallouts on the Palestinian refugees who can neither return to their homeland nor head for another destination.

Over recent years, activists have raised alarm bells over the dire conditions of captivity in Thai detention centers, where dozens of inmates are crammed into cells that can barely accommodate a handful of persons. Palestinian refugees are also locked up in cells where drug traffickers, sex traffickers, and criminals are held.

The situation is far exacerbated by the failure of the UNHCR to live up to its responsibilities as regards the crisis.

Human rights NGOs have warned that a number of refugees have suffered psychological breakdowns inside Thai prisons due to ill-treatment. Those who have not been detained have been locked up indoors over abduction concerns.

Along the same line, the Syrian government forces ruled that civilians wishing to gain access out of and into Daraa city through government checkpoints should carry water and electricity bills with them.

Daraa's Power Directorate spread notifications for families in Daraa AlBalad, among other areas in Daraa where dozens of Palestinian refugee families have been taking shelter, to pay electricity charges accumulated over recent years in opposition-held zones.



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All the way through Syria's eight-year conflict, residents of Daraa Camp for Palestinian refugees, south of Syria, have been grappling with dire humanitarian conditions owing to the high rates of unemployment and absence of vital facilities. A chronic water blackout has made the situation worse.



In another development, AGPS documented the death of 26 Palestinian residents of AlAyedeen Camp in Hama between March 15, 2011 and early October 2019.

The list includes five Palestinians who were gunned down by snipers, eight Palestinians who were fatally shot, and five others who were tortured to death in government jails.

Two refugees died, meanwhile, in a car blast; two were killed after they were kidnapped; one refugee was extra-judicially executed, and another died under shelling. Two more Palestinians died of unknown reasons.

At the same time, AGPS newly-released annual report documenting the situation of Palestinians of Syria in 2018, said 16 Palestinian refugees, including a woman, were arrested in Syria in 2018, down from 28, including seven women, in 2017.



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Entitled “Palestinians of Syria: Unending Tragedies”, the report said six Palestinians from Yarmouk Camp, five from Khan Eshieh Camp, one refugee from AlAyeddeen Camp in Hums, another from AlNeirab Camp, in Aleppo, along with three others residing across the Syrian territories were detained by Syrian security forces in 2018.

In the meantime, Palestinian refugee Husam Ali AlRefai, born in 1988 and formerly sheltered in Yarmouk Camp, has been incarcerated in Syrian state prisons for six consecutive years.

Husam was kidnapped by government troops deployed at a Damascus checkpoint on May 15, 2013. The reasons for his abduction remain mysterious.



AGPS documented the secret detention of 1,768 Palestinian refugees, including 108 women and girls, in Syrian government lock-ups.

Medical studies have shown that prisoners who fall prey to enforced disappearance and heavy psycho-physical torture are never the same again once they are released from penal complexes.



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The upshots of such a dreadful experience are so heavy that the ex-prisoner is very likely to lose his/her psychological equilibrium and remain traumatized for the rest of his/her lifetime.