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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"AGPS Issues Annual Report about Situation of Palestinians of Syria in 2020"

- Emergency State Declared in AlNeirab Camp over Coronavirus Propagation
- Palestinian Refugees from Syria Overburdened by Visa Renewal Fees
- Residents of Deraa Camp Sound Alarm over Property-Theft
- Khan Eshieh Camp Gripped with Water Crisis

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Latest Developments

The Action Group for Palestinians of Syria (AGPS) has issued its annual report documenting the situation of Palestinian refugees in/from Syria in 2020.

Entitled “Palestinians of Syria: The Search for Selfhood”, the report underscores the calamitous situation of Palestinian refugees in and outside the war-ravaged country due to war-related incidents.

The 172-page report provides fact-based data and statistics about the number of victims and detainees among the Palestinians of Syria.

The report also underscores the crises endured by the Palestinian community in displacement camps across and outside the Syrian territories.

At the same time, the study provides a detailed account of the violations perpetrated against the Palestinians of Syria in their quest to seek asylum and on their way to Europe.

The data has been compiled by a team of field reporters, news correspondents, journalists, photographers and researchers.

Hundreds of reports have also been released by the group on a daily basis in an attempt to draw the international community’s attention to the abject state of affairs endured by PRS.

AGPS is a London-based human rights watchdog that monitors the situation of Palestinian refugees in war-torn Syria. In seeking to



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fulfill this goal, AGPS team does its best to uphold the finest standards of historiographic ethics and maintain honesty in sourcing. To that very end, live snapshots, footages, and sworn affidavits are taken directly from the fighting scene across a myriad of flashpoints so as to authenticate AGPS role as a human rights overseer.

In another development, a state of emergency has been declared by medics in AlNeirab Camp for Palestinian refugees after a number of students tested positive for the highly-contagious coronavirus.

Reporting from Aleppo, an AGPS correspondent said an instructor at a UNRWA-run school is suspected of being infected with coronavirus. He underwent a test at Zahi AlAzrak clinic.

A few days earlier, local sources told AGPS that 55 students at the UNRWA-run Akka School have been suspected of being infected with coronavirus. Another ten suspected cases have been reported in Mustafa Abu Dabousa Girls School.

A few months ago, the Akka School administration in AlNeirab Camp suspended courses at a classroom after a student tested positive for coronavirus. The student was home-quarantined for 14 days and classes suspended for five days.

In another development, thousands of Palestinians from Syria who have fled to other destinations have been unable to pay the steep fees of visa-renewal processes in the new destinations.



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Renewing travel documents costs up to \$300. The applicant is required to pay \$800 if he/she expects to have travel documents renewed in a few days. In most cases, applicants receive a two-year renewal.

Palestinian refugees also face difficulties trying to get in touch with Syrian consulates and embassies due to overcrowding. The situation is often made more complicated by the so-called “brokers of appointments” who have close ties with staff members at the consulate or the embassy. A meeting is sold by such parties at \$300.

In order for Palestinians from Syria to obtain visas in new destinations, a valid travel document should be acquired to that end.

Meanwhile, property-theft attempts have increasingly been reported in Deraa Camp for Palestinian refugees, south of Syria.

The residents attributed the phenomenon to uncontrolled drug consumption and increasing unemployment rates.

The residents called on local authorities to take serious measures in response to property-theft and to protect residents from home-burglary.

In the meantime, Palestinian families taking refuge in Khan Eshieh camp, in Rif Dimashq, said water has been frequently cut off across residential neighborhoods.



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The residents have warned of the repercussions of the water crisis on their children's health condition in light of the global propagation of the COVID-19 pandemic.

An AGPS reporter said most of the families sheltered in the camp are cash-stripped and cannot afford to buy drinking water from privately-owned tanks.

Palestinian families continue to appeal to UNRWA and the concerned authorities to take urgent action regarding the alarming humanitarian condition in the camp.