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The situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria

Palestinian Refugees in Syria Deprived of Eid Joy

- **Palestinian Prisoners' Children in Syria Appeal for Release of Their Relatives from Regime Prisons**
- **For 1st Time in 10 Years, Eid Prayers Held in Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian Refugees**



Latest Developments

Live photos circulated on social media show the streets of Palestinian refugee camps in Syria as being completely forsaken during the Eid days. Neither children nor women show up across residential neighborhoods.

Speaking with AGPS, a refugee said, with tears in his eyes: “Our children cannot go outdoors. They received neither clothes nor toys to celebrate the occasion. Our forebears witnessed the true meaning of dispossession and displacement following the Nakba of 1948, when they were forced out of their homes by the Zionist militias. Now, our children have been deprived of childhood joy and denied their basic human rights”.

The prices of sweets have seen a leap of 150%, depriving Palestinian families of a cherished tradition—buying and exchanging sweets during the holy occasion of Eid AlFitr.

As the holy Eid festival has been celebrated by Muslims across the globe, Palestinian refugees in Syria have been deprived of the joy ordinarily sparked by such an occasion.

In a place where neither vital facilities nor leisure amenities are made available, the advent of Eid meant that dozens of displaced Palestinian and Syrian families spend the occasion in the poorly-equipped displacement camps.

Eleven years after demonstrations started in Syria, some 438,000 Palestinian refugees remain in the war-torn country, where they have been grappling with an abject humanitarian situation.

UNRWA data indicates that over half of the Palestine refugees in the country have been displaced at least once because of the brutal conflict that ensued, including 120,000 who have sought safety in neighbouring countries, mainly Lebanon and Jordan, and beyond.

Over 80% of PRS live in extreme poverty and rely on humanitarian assistance as their main source of income. 86% of PRS households are reported to be in debt.

Along similar lines, Palestinian refugee children in Syria have been deprived of happy childhood memories due to protracted



displacement, the loss of their parents, and/or the secret incarceration of their relatives in Syrian prisons.

Farah, the daughter of a Palestinian prisoner in Syria, said she has not met her father since April 23, 2013. She has appealed for information over his condition and whereabouts.

The daughter of Palestinian writer Ali AlShehabi, Sidra, wrote on her Facebook account that she misses her father, who is forcibly disappeared in Syria, a lot.

Another refugee from Deraa Camp told AGPS that Eid comes in the midst of a darkness and sorrow sparked by displacement, despair, and economic hardship. He expressed his wish to meet his forcibly-disappeared father.

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The warfare in Syria, which has now entered its eleventh year, has had traumatic fallouts on Palestinian refugee children in and outside the Syrian territories.

Post-traumatic stress disorders, mental psychosis, sleeplessness and nightmares, eating disorders, and intense fear have all been among the symptoms with which Palestinian children have been diagnosed.

AGPS renews its calls to the international community, human rights institutions, UNICEF, UNRWA, and all concerned bodies to work on protecting Palestinian children in embattled Syria and provide those who fled the war-torn country with physical and moral protection in the host countries.

AGPS has recorded the death of 252 Palestinian refugee children in war-torn Syria. Hundreds more have gone orphaned after they lost one or both of their parents in the deadly warfare.

In the meantime, residents of Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian refugees held their Eid prayers at Abdul Kader AlHusaini Mosque for the first time in years.



On August 10, 2021, the Syrian Ministry of Endowment okayed the reopening of Abdul Kader AlHusaini Mosque and called on staff to work on removing debris and cleaning the mosque basement, pending the rehabilitation of daily congregational prayers.

Back in 2012, onslaughts launched by the Syrian fighter jets on Abdul Kader AlHusaini Mosque in Yarmouk camp for Palestinian refugees claimed the lives of dozens of worshipers and civilians, including children.

At the time of the attack, the mosque served as a shelter for hundreds of families who fled the deadly strikes on the camp.

The event marked the largest mass exodus from Palestinian refugee camps in Syria. Only a handful of families regained access to the camp, after the government forces recaptured the area.