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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria

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"AGPS Urges UNRWA to Protect Palestinian Refugees in War-Tattered Syria"



- Over 3,419 Palestinian refugees died of war-related incidents in Syria
- Palestinian refugee Hussam Ali Al-Refai locked up in gov't jails for over 3 years

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Latest Developments

AGPS calls on UNRWA to provide the Palestinians of Syria with the legal and physical protection quite urgently needed at such a turmoil-stricken stage.

AGPS appeals to UNRWA, in line with its mission as a UN-recognized relief body, to rally round the Palestinian refugees from Syria, particularly those who fled to Lebanon.

Speaking during the Syria Emergency Appeal for 2017 press conference held On Monday, January 9, in the Lebanese capital—Beirut— AGPS representative Fayez Abu Eid launched calls for funds for Palestinians caught up in war-torn Syria and in the occupied Palestinian territories, including east Occupied Jerusalem, along with those who fled to Lebanon and Jordan.



Abu Eid spoke up for the refugees' need of a legal cover in UNRWA's five fields of operations.



He raised alarm bells over the state of insecurity and unrest endured by the Palestinians from Syria in Lebanon, where they are treated by the Lebanese authorities as “tourists” and “second-class citizens” rather than refugees.

AGPS delegate further warned of the precarious upshots of unemployment and the lack of financial resources on the socio-economic situation endured by the Palestinians of Syria in Lebanon.

On Monday, September 19, 2016, the Lebanese authorities stipulated that every single refugee who overstays his visa in Lebanon has to shell out \$200 to get a renewed six-month permit, added Abu Eid.

The Lebanese refugee regulations also ruled for granting a three-month visa for those who entered the Lebanese territories less than one year ago. Visas are also to be systematically renewed for those aged below 15-years-old.

A couple of days earlier, UNRWA launched international appeals to fund the emergency response to the crisis and to meet the critical humanitarian needs of Palestinian refugees affected by the conflict in Syria, including those displaced into Lebanon and Jordan.

The Agency’s 2017 Emergency Appeal for the Syria Regional Crisis in the amount of US\$ 411 million aims to provide humanitarian assistance, protection and basic services to 430,000 Palestine refugees inside Syria and in dire need of sustained assistance, as well as over 30,000 who have fled to Lebanon and nearly 17,000 who have fled to Jordan, where they face a precarious existence.



Over 120,000 Palestinian refugees from Syria have fled the country, including around 31,850 to Lebanon, according to UNRWA statistics until December 2016.

Of the estimated 450,000 Palestine refugees that remain inside Syria, over 95 per cent (430,000) are in critical need of sustained humanitarian assistance in order to survive, UNRWA warned.

According to the agency, almost 280,000 are internally displaced, and an estimated 43,000 are trapped in hard-to-reach or inaccessible locations.

At the same time, AGPS documented the death of 3,419 Palestinian refugees due to war-related incident in the beleaguered Syrian territories, 1,129 among whom were killed by unabated shelling and 825 others in bloody clashes between the government battalions and the opposition outfits. 457 Palestinian refugees were, meanwhile, tortured to death in Syrian government jails.

In a related development, 28-year-old Palestinian refugee Hussam Ali Al-Rafai, a resident of Yarmouk, has been locked up in Syrian government penitentiaries for over three years.

Al-Rafai was kidnapped by the government troops deployed at a Damascus checkpoint on May 15, 2013.





Despite difficulties in the documentation and name-identification process, AGS kept record of the incarceration of 1,145 Palestinian refugees in Syrian regime lock-ups, among whom 80 female refugees whose fate remains shrouded in mystery.

Palestinians of Syria: January 10, 2017 Statistics:

- *At least 3,419 Palestinians, including 455 women, were killed in war-torn Syria.*
- *1,145 Palestinian refugees, including 80 women, are incarcerated in Syrian government lock-ups.*
- *Yarmouk refugee camp has been blockaded by the Syrian regime army and Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine - General Command (PFLP-GC) for 1,301 days in a row.*
- *190 Palestinians died of undernourishment and medical neglect in the blockaded Yarmouk Camp.*
- *Water supplies cut off in Deraa and Yarmouk camps respectively for 1,005 and 820 days.*
- *Residents of Handarat Camp, in Aleppo, denied access to their homes for 1,348 days. Government battalions have been holding sway over the camp for more than 83 days.*
- *Government troops ban residents of Al-Sbiena Camp from returning to their homes for 1,154 days running.*
- *Over 79,000 Palestinian Syrian refugees fled to Europe until mid 2016.*
- *31,000 Palestinians from Syria are housed in Lebanon.*

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- *17 Palestinians from Syria are taking refuge in Jordan.*
- *6,000 Palestinian-Syrian refugees are sheltered in Egypt.*
- *8,000 Palestinian-Syrian refugees are taking shelter in Turkey.*
- *1,000 Palestinian-Syrian refugees are sheltered in the blockaded Gaza Strip.*