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The situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria

Palestinian Refugees in Northern Syria Displacement Camps Mark Holy Eid with Deep Sorrow

- **Palestinian Refugee Families Struggling for Survival in AlHusainiya Refugee Camp**
- **Palestine Ambassador Shows Up in Yarmouk Camp Cemetery**



Latest Developments

As the holy Eid AlIdhha (Feast of Sacrifice) has been celebrated by Muslims across the globe, Palestinian refugees in northern 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 their poorly-equipped tents.

“The war took away our families and friends from us”, a displaced Palestinian refugee told AGPS. “Now we’re sharing our pain and joy with our new friends and neighbors in the displacement camp”.

Another refugee said: “Eid comes in the midst of a darkness and sorrow sparked by displacement, despair, and economic hardship”.

Hundreds of Palestinian and Syrian families who have been forcibly deported to northern Syria have been grappling with an abject humanitarian situation as most of them have been taking cover in underequipped tents and denied access to vital facilities and services.

Along similar lines, multi-dimensional poverty has marred the lives of residents of AlHusainiya Camp for Palestinian refugees, in Rif Dimashq.

Syria’s economic crisis has pushed most of its residents below the poverty line. As another Eid comes around, many of them find it hard to celebrate - and it's even worse for the country's Palestinian refugees.

Speaking with AGPS, a resident of AlHusainiya Camp said, with tears in her 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 120%, depriving Palestinian families of a cherished tradition—buying and exchanging sweets during the holy occasion of Eid. A kilogram of candies and sweets costs up to 40,000 Syrian pounds.

The price of a kilogram of ghee is estimated at 17,000 and a kilo of sugar at over 30,000.

A kilogram of meat is also sold in the camp at 14,500 to 16,500, in an area where the majority of families lost their livelihoods and/or breadwinners.

Over recent years, residents of AlHusainiya camp have denounced the absence of vital services in the area. The transportation crisis, price leap, absence of relief assistance and healthcare, power and water crises, and high rates of unemployment have made survival quite difficult for dozens of displaced Palestinian families.

In another development, Palestine Ambassador in Syria, Dr. Samir AlRefai', paid a visit to AlShuhadaa Cemetery in Yarmouk Camp.

The delegation included representatives of the Palestine Liberation Organization and of the Palestinian refugee community in Syria.

Over recent years, activists have slammed the Russian and Syrian government forces for ransacking the old cemetery of Yarmouk Camp, in Damascus, in search of the body remains of Israeli soldiers killed in the Battle of Sultan Yaakoob in Lebanon in 1982.

On April 19, 2018, a military operation launched by Syria's government battalions and their Russian abettors led to the destruction of 60% of civilian buildings and premises in Yarmouk Camp. Dozens of civilians were killed and hundreds injured in the offensive.

Heavy damage was wrought on Yarmouk's AlShuhadaa Cemetery as graves were hit with barrel bombs and headstones smashed by missiles and mortar shells.