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الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية
The situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria

Pro-Regime Group in Syria Suffers Malnutrition

- 2 Films by Palestinian Directors Present at International Film Festival
- Palestinian Refugee Omar Mreita Forcibly Disappeared by Syrian Regime for 2nd Year
- Relief Items Distributed in Deraa Camp for Palestinian Refugees



Latest Developments

Members of the Palestine Liberation Army (PLA), affiliated with the Syrian regime, have been grappling with food shortage inside military barracks.

A PLA fighter told AGPS there are no food items except for scraps at military sites due to theft and corruption by military commanders.

He added that military chiefs have been seen transferring food items to their private vehicles.

The number of youths attempting to elude regime-imposed military service with pro-regime armed groups in Syria, including the Palestine Liberation Army (PLA), has gone up.

Private sources that spoke with AGPS on condition of anonymity attributed the increasing evasion to the psychological stress and mistreatment inflicted on conscripts in the war-ravaged country.

In recently-disclosed testimonies, a number of breakaways revealed how their food and personal belongings have been stolen by high-ranking officers. Conscripts have also been subjected to poor hygiene and medical neglect. Volunteers have had their salaries abruptly lowered.

Palestinian refugees who joined the pro-regime battalions in Syria have been enduring serious crackdowns and abuses. Many of them said they have been forced to carry out exhausting personal chores for government officers against their will and under threat of punishment. Even those who have had their security files worked out have been involved in forced labor.

The conscripts' families continue to urge the Syrian regime to lay off their relatives who have served in the army for over five years.

Earlier, the Syrian regime announced its intent to seize the property of military dodgers, in reference to people eluding government-imposed obligation to serve in the military forces.

In another development, two films by Palestinian-Syrian directors participated in the international "Palestine Cinema Days" festival,



wrapped up a few days ago in Ramallah, in the occupied West Bank.

The first film is entitled “Red Passport” by Abdah Assadi, currently living in the Netherlands. The second film is “Summer...City and Camera” by Anas Zahrawi, living in Damascus.

Another Film entitled “Farha” by Jordanian filmmaker Darin Salam tackled the story of her mother, who met a woman in Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian refugees, in Syria.

In another development, Palestinian refugee Omran Ziad Mreitha has been forcibly disappeared by the Syrian regime for the second consecutive year.

Omran was arrested by Syrian security forces on February 22, 2020. He was born and raised in AlMuzeireeb town, south of Syria.

In the meantime, the Syrian Red Crescent distributed relief items to residents of Deraa Camp for Palestinian refugees, south of Syria.

700 families received food baskets and flour bags.

All the way through Syria’s twelve-year conflict, residents of Deraa Camp have been grappling with dire humanitarian conditions owing to the high rates of unemployment and absence of vital facilities.

UN data indicates that Deraa refugee camp is located inside Deraa City, in southern Syria. Palestinian refugees came to the Deraa area in two waves in 1948 and in 1967.

However, as the recent conflict unraveled, the camp became engulfed by violence and 90 per cent of the camp population had to leave the camp and seek safety in other areas such as Deraa city, Damascus or Jordan. Most UNRWA services were moved to alternative premises in Deraa city.

Deraa camp was home to 10,500 Palestine refugees before 2011. As of November 2018, only 400 Palestine refugee families have returned since the camp returned to government hands. As of February 2020, some 800 families had returned to Deraa camp and 750 students to the UNRWA schools, according to UNRWA.