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"The Turkish Refugee Protection Authority Allows the Palestinians of Syria in Turkey to Obtain Protection Card"



- Shelling at Yarmouk and Residents Demand to Left the Siege
- Italian Coast Guards Announce the Sank of a Boat was Carrying Immigrants Launched from Libya
- Amnesty Calls to Expand Access Services to Europe
- Dozens of Palestinians and Syrians are Victims for Scams in the Turkish City of Marcin

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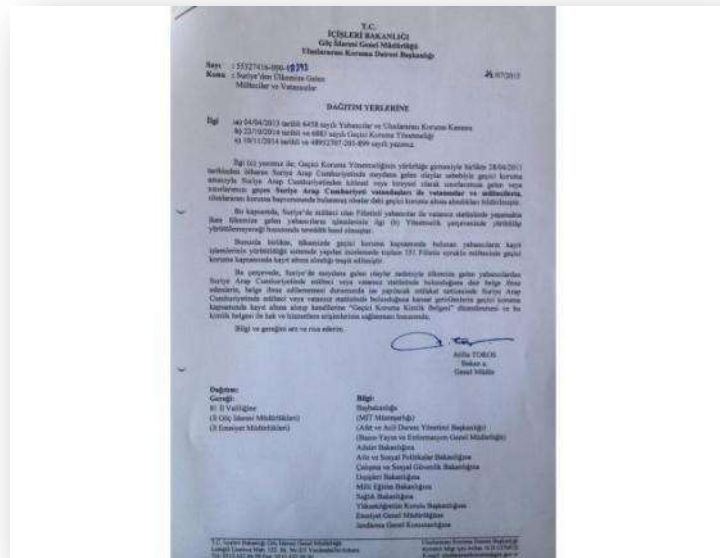
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Turkey

The AGPS received a copy of a decision issued by the Turkish Refugee Protection Authority of the Immigration Department in the Turkish Ministry of Interior. The decision states equality of Palestinian Syrian refugee with Syrian Refugee regarding obtaining asylum cards within the foreigners and low temporary protection, allowing Palestinian Syrian refugees in Turkey to take advantage of all services offered by the Turkish government to the Syrian refugees in Turkey such as medical services and other.



Decision Issued by the Turkish Refugee Protection Authority.

The decision noted that "a small number of Palestinian Syrian refugees; approximately 351 refugees who introduced themselves as Palestinian Syrians or stateless to the Department of protection, while the number is expected to be much larger. The decision adds that "after hesitating how the Refugee Protection Authority to treat Palestinian refugees from Syria,



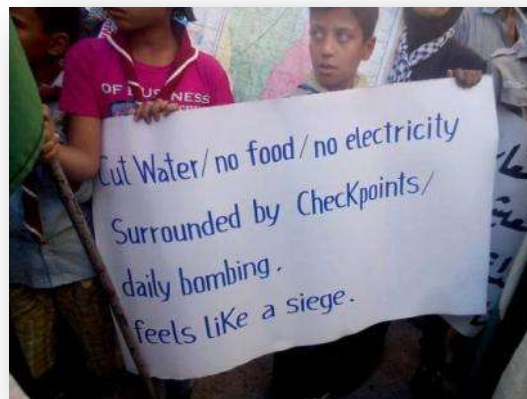
it was agreed that the Palestinian refugees from Syria are to be treated similar as Syrian refugees."

However, the decision did not address any point relating to allow Palestinian Syrian refugees in Turkey, where the Turkish government imposes a visa to Palestinian refugees from Syria.

Recent Updates

Heavy shelling with mortars targeted the Yarmouk camp on Wednesday night, where the shells landed in different areas, causing significant material damage to civilian homes, as there were no reports of injuries.

Dozens of Yarmouk residents participated in a protest sit-in in which they demanded the Syrian army and groups of the General Command to end the siege imposed on them for more than (765) days.



The sit-in in Yarmouk camp

The protestors expressed their disapproval of the decision issued by the Office of the United Nations Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, which omitted the Yarmouk refugee camp from the list of besieged areas.



It is worth mentioning that the AGPS confirmed in a press release was published in the end of last month that the Yarmouk camp still besieged, believing that the United Nations decision is wrong.

In a different context, Italian Coast Guard announced on Wednesday that a fishing boat was carrying at least hundreds of migrants capsized off Libya, while they recovered about hundred survivors from the water immediately.

According to the Coast Guard, "the boat was overloaded, and had made a distress call to the Coast Guard in Squilih who turned the appeal into their center in Rome, who is coordinating relief operations of all boats of migrants in southern Italy."

Meanwhile, news agencies confirmed "that an Irish ship arrived first near the fishing boat but it was rapidly capsized." The Coast Guard spokesman said that these boats are generally less than a large number of immigrants so that if some of them stand up at the same time, it would be enough to capsize the boat."

However, media reports noted that "Rescue teams managed to pull more than 400 people, also recovered 25 bodies so far."

A number of Syrian and Palestinian refugees were on the boat that capsized, while the total toll of victims or their nationalities were not announced yet.

Amnesty International said, "The European governments must make greater efforts to ensure safe and legal ways for people who need



protection to enter the EU, rather than put the lives of thousands at risk in the sea."

The statement of Amnesty International comes in light of a massive search-and-rescue operation in the central Mediterranean the day before.

"Thousands of people are still crossing the central Mediterranean almost weekly to seek safety and better lives in Europe, so fatal incidents at sea are going to remain a tragic reality," said Denis Krivosheev, Deputy Europe and Central Asia Director at Amnesty International.



It is the first incident of this scale since EU governments agreed to scale up search-and-rescue operations in late April, which curtailed an unprecedented surge in deaths at sea in the early months of 2015, hoping to get to Europe for a better life.

Amnesty International is calling for increased pledges to resettle refugees, expanded access to Europe through humanitarian visas and family reunification, and an easing of restrictions on freedom of movement of successful asylum seekers.



On the other hand, dozens of Palestinian and Syrian refugees were victims of the human traffickers' greed at Mersin City in Turkey.

The residents said to the AGPS correspondent that they were victims to one of the smugglers, where he got huge money amounts to reach them to the Italian shores, which was not done by the smuggler and to reach them to Italy but he returned them to the Turkish coast after spending three days in the trip.

A refugee said, " the boat was launched from an area called Kara Dovar at Mersin; the boat contained 50 Palestinians and Syrians including women and children.

The smuggler Abu Mohammed rounded in the boat for three days before returning back to Yani Shaher coast, pretending that they reached Italy.

It is mentioned that the human trafficking phenomena abused the Palestinian and Syrian refugees who escaped the war in Syria, where it is increased in the last period, while tens of similar cases of theft and scam were documented.





Numbers and Statistics till 6/8/2015

- *15,500 Palestinian Syrian refugees in Jordan, 45,000 Palestinian Syrian refugees in Lebanon, and 6,000 refugees in Egypt, according to the UNRWA's statistics till July 2015.*
- *At least 36,000 Palestinian Syrian refugees have reached Europe during the last 4 years.*
- *The Yarmouk Camp: - Siege, imposed by the Regular Army and PFGC, continued for 765 days respectively. In addition, power cuts continued for more than 835 days, water was cut for 325 days respectively. The number of victims due to the siege has reached to 177 victims.*
- *Al Husayneyya Camp: - Regular Army is still preventing the residents of the camp to return back to their houses for 646 days respectively.*
- *Al Sbeina Camp: - Regular Army is still preventing the residents of the camp to return back to their houses for 627 days respectively.*
- *Handarat Camp: - Residents have left the camp for 828 days after the Syrian Opposition Groups controlled it.*
- *Dara'a Camp: - It is now almost 472 days without water and 70% of its buildings were demolished.*
- *Jarmana, AL Saieda ZAinab, Al Raml, Al Aedein Camps in Homs and Hamma: - A relatively quiet situation in light of the economic crises.*
- *Khan Al Sheih Camp: - Roads linking the camp to the city center are still closed except for Zakia- Khan Al Shieh road.*