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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"Tension Running High in AlNeirab Camp following Coronavirus-Related Death"

- Over 160 Palestinian Refugee Locked Down in Greek Migrant Camp
- Civilians' Life Marred by Motorcycle Accidents in Sabina Camp for Palestinian Refugees
- Palestinian Refugee Ayham Khalil Secretly Held in Syrian Gov't Prison for 8th Year

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Latest developments

Concerns have mounted over an unabated coronavirus outbreak among Palestinian refugee families sheltered in AlNeirab Camp after a resident succumbed to the virus in the area.

The victim is identified as Palestinian teacher Mohamed Ali Shreih.

Confirmed coronavirus cases have been increasingly reported in AlNeirab refugee camp in Aleppo, at a time when residents have been launching cries for help over the absence of hygiene kit and medicines.

Dozens of cases have been reported in the area. Several coronavirus-residents refuse to reveal their names over bullying concerns.

An oxygen bottle is sold at a price of over 4,000 Syrian Pounds, a sum that far exceeds the residents' cash-stripped budgets.

Civilians continue to slam UNRWA's apathy, saying an urgent action is needed to save the camp.

Over recent months, AGPS has also warned of a projected outbreak of COVID-19 in Palestinian refugee camps in Syria. Though campaigns to help spread awareness among the camps' residents have recently seen the day, limited access to running water, pharmacies and medical facilities mean displacement camps are more susceptible to the spread of the highly infectious virus.



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Displacement camps set up in northern Syria are especially vulnerable as most hospitals and medical facilities have been bombed, rendering them out of order.

Along similar lines, some 160 Palestinian asylum seekers taking refuge in Vial migrant facility, set up on Kios Island, have been quarantined, along with over 1,000 migrants, following confirmed coronavirus cases in the area.

The camp, accommodating some 1,500 migrants, will be kept under quarantine until August 25, according to the camp administration.

Camps in Greece have been under quarantine in recent months, with authorities trying to keep residents apart from locals.

Palestinian refugees from Syria continue to risk their lives onboard the “death boats” to Greece, rummaging around for a momentary respite from violence and economic hardship.

AGPS has kept record of the death of dozens of refugees onboard Greece-bound ships. Several others have been arrested by Turkish coast guards.

Activists estimate that around 4,000 Palestinian refugees from Syria are taking cover on such Greek islands as Lesbos, Mytilene, Chios, Leros, and Kos, among other areas.

In the meantime, residents of AlSabina camp for Palestinian refugees continue to rail against the uncontrolled use of



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motorcycles in the area, a phenomenon they said poses serious threats to the lives of their children.

Several horrific accidents took place due to inappropriate speed and infringement of road safety rules across residential alleyways.

In the meantime, Palestinian refugee Ayham Raja Khalil, from AlHajar ALAswad neighborhood, south of Damascus, has been forcibly disappeared in Syrian government prisons for the 8th consecutive year.

Ayham was arrested on April 16, 2012.

AGPS documented the secret detention of over 1,797 Palestinian refugees, including women and minors, in Syrian government lock-ups. Some 332 refugees have also gone missing in the country.

Lists of hundreds of forcibly disappeared Palestinian refugees and victims in Syria are available on AGPS website, both in English and Arabic. AGPS supplies a database of their names and possible times and places of arrest.