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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"Number of Migrants from Palestinian Refugee Camps in Syria Goes Up"

- Palestinian Refugees Rally Outside of UNRWA Office in Lebanon Displacement Camp
- Palestinian CSOs Meet with Int'l Red Cross Committee
- Palestinian Refugee Students Honored in Yarmouk Camp
- Palestinian Refugee Mahmoud Tamim Forcibly Disappeared by Syrian Regime since 2015

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Latest Developments

The number of Palestinian youths migrating from displacement camps and government-held zones across war-torn Syria has soared.

Recently, scores of refugee families have made their way from their camps and shelters to Turkey, Iraq, and Egypt.

Dozens of Palestinian refugee families fled Syria to Lebanon while scores of others crossed to Turkey from Idlib in a trip costing up to 1,500 per a single person.

Many of those who headed to Erbil fled to Turkey through the Iraqi or Iranian borderlands. Several youths have fled conscription in the war-torn country.

Poverty rates have reached a zenith in Palestinian refugee camps in Syria due to the sharp decrease in the exchange rate of the Syrian pound compared to the USD and the refugees' lack of access to the local labor market.

In its “Syria Regional Crisis Emergency Appeal 2021”, UNRWA said that protracted displacement, deteriorating socio-economic conditions aggravated by the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic, dire humanitarian needs and protection concerns continue to affect the lives of Palestine refugees in Syria.



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As the coronavirus pandemic has rebounded around the MENA region and the globe, many PRS lost their sources of income; refugee camps have seen unprecedented levels of destruction; rental prices have dramatically gone up; undernourishment and poverty have been a daily nightmare.

Due to the serious protection gaps, children have been forced to drop out of school and join armed groups to help feed their starving families.

In another development, dozens of Palestinian refugees from Syria have rallied outside of the UNRWA office in Burj AlBarajneh refugee camp, in Beirut, to protest the Agency's delay in aid delivery.

The refugees called on UNRWA to increase its food aid supplies and transfer their cash grants on time, at a time when prices have skyrocketed in Lebanon.

They further urged the Agency to enhance its vital services for Palestinian refugees and work out their legal situation.

Representatives of the Palestinian refugee community handed over a memorandum to the director of UNRWA operations in Lebanon and called for securing the refugees' right to legal, physical, and social protection.

The document also demands serious efforts to solve the legal hurdles faced by those who illegally entered Lebanon or those who entered the country after September 16, 2016.



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The refugees also called for enhancing healthcare services, easing complicated red tape, and providing free surgeries at local hospitals.

Along similar lines, representatives of Palestinian refugees from Syria in Lebanon met with the head of the Red Cross's Beirut department of missing and forcibly-disappeared persons along with the head of the protection department.

The meeting tackled the situation of Palestinians of Syria in Lebanon along with the forcibly-disappeared Palestinians in Syria.

The delegations also underscored the needs of patients with chronic diseases and the Red Cross's follow-ups in this regard.

The Red Cross pledged to keep tabs on the file of victims of enforced disappearance and amputees in Syria. It also took charge of two Palestinian refugees who were wounded in Syria shootouts and pledged to reach out to embassies in order to grant them urgent medical treatment.

Meanwhile, a ceremony was held by the Palestine Liberation Organization on Thursday to honor Palestinian refugee students who achieved high scores as part of their secondary and high school exams.

Hundreds of displaced Palestinian refugees in/from Syria have achieved success stories, despite the traumatic upshots wrought by the daily scenes of bloodshed and destruction across the embattled Syrian territories.



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This includes scores of refugee students who have obtained the highest scores at their academic institutions; hundreds of refugee sportsmen/sportswomen who snatched the first places in regional and international competitions; dozens of artists who received renowned literary awards for their products and performances; and several housewives who turned trauma into a space of creativity.

In the meantime, Palestinian refugee Mahmoud Tamim has been secretly locked up in Syrian government dungeons since March 12, 2015.

He was arrested by the government forces at a relief distribution center set up by UNRWA south of Damascus.

Activists have appealed to the concerned human rights institutions and international bodies, among them UNRWA and the Palestine Embassy in Damascus, to work on disclosing his fate.

AGPS has documented the secret detention of 1,797 Palestinian refugees in state-run penal complexes across war-torn Syria, among them 110 women and girls.

AGPS also documented the death of over 550 Palestinian refugees under torture in Syrian government lock-ups, including women, children, and elderly civilians.

Affidavits by ex-detainees provided evidence on the involvement of Syrian government officers in harsh torture tactics, including electric shocks, heavy beating using whips and iron sticks, and



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sexual abuse against Palestinian detainees, in a flagrant violation of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, commonly known as the United Nations Convention against Torture (UNCAT).