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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"Palestinian Refugee from Syria among 6 Palestinians Confirmed Killed in New Zealand's Mosque Massacre"

- Palestinian Girl from Syria Wins Gold Medal at West Asia Tennis Table Tournament
- Committee Pops in Handarat Camp for Palestinian Refugees to Work Out Power Crisis
- Palestinian Refugee Mohamed ALGhodban Held in Syrian Jail for 7th Year

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Latest Developments

Palestinian refugee Amjad Hamid, aged 57, was pronounced dead in Friday's attack on two New Zealand mosques

Hamid had immigrated to New Zealand 23 years ago to find a better future, his wife Hanan said.

Hamid has not been seen since Friday and his family believe the Hawera Hospital doctor is dead.

His wife Hanan said she and her husband emigrated to Christchurch 23 years ago.



"It's terrible ... we were hoping to find a better future for us and for the children we were planning to have."

She described her 57-year-old husband as a "very kind man", but struggled to say more. "It's hard to talk about him."

The elder of the couple's two sons, 22-year-old Husam Hamid, said family had checked hospitals and with police but there had been no sign of his dad since the mass shootings began. Amjad was known to go to the mosque to pray on Fridays.



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"At first I thought he went to the Linwood mosque but he was most likely to have been in the Deans Ave mosque as he mostly goes to that one," the son proceeded.

According to his LinkedIn profile, Hamid was a consultant in cardiorespiratory integrated specialist services at Canterbury District Health Board for 20 years, but his son said he had recently taken up a role in cardiology at Hawera Hospital in south Taranaki.

"This is meant to be a safe country. New Zealand is changing forever," said Husam.

Youngest son, Mohammed Hamid, 20, told the Herald he only wanted to say one thing about his father and what had happened: "I just really loved my dad."

Brenton Tarrant, 28, accused of carrying out attacks on two mosques in Christchurch on Friday that resulted in the deaths of at least 50 people, including children, was charged with murder as he appeared in a district court on Saturday.

Tarrant, described by Australia's Prime Minister Scott Morrison as an "extremist, right-wing, violent terrorist", expressed admiration for other violent white nationalists and his intention to "create an atmosphere of fear" and to "incite violence" against Muslims.

In another development, Palestinian refugee Alaa Nizar Fdheil's team earned the gold medal at the West Asia Junior Table Tennis Tournament, held at Princess Soumaya Bint AlHasan Hall in AlHusain city between March 15 and 17.



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Alaa, sheltered in Khan Dannun Camp, in Rif Dimashq, joined the competition representing the Syrian national team, after she qualified for the tournament at Damascus' Tishreen Sports Complex.

Alaa, along with her father Nizar, a professional player, and her brother, had earned several other medals in earlier competitions.

Meanwhile, activists in Handarat Camp for Palestinian refugees said a committee was dispatched by Aleppo's Power Company to set a plan for operating electricity in the area and identifying adequate zones to install power poles.



The activists added that maintenance works are to be kick-started sometime soon as part of underway attempts to rehabilitate infrastructure and reconstruct destroyed premises, pending the return of displaced families to their homes.

Handarat Camp (also called Ein AlTel Camp) is located to the northeast of Aleppo's Hill, overseeing the Turkey-bound traffic lanes. It stands on a rocky hill and is situated some 13 kilometers away from the city center.



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Heavy shelling on Handarat and bloody shootouts between the government forces and the opposition outfits resulted in huge material damage. Deadly onslaughts launched on the camp on April 27, 2013, sparked a wave of mass deportation, with dozens of civilians fleeing their homes in the hunt for a safer shelter.

According to data by the General Commission of Arab Palestinian Refugees in Syria, some 8,000 Palestinian refugees used to take shelter in Handarat Camp. Only 175 displaced families returned to the camp following the heavy onslaughts launched by the Syrian government battalions.

In the meantime, Palestinian refugee Mohamed ALGhodban has been enduring a mysterious fate in Syrian government prisons, where he has been held for over seven years.

Mohamed, sheltered in ALAyedeen Camp, in Hums, was kidnapped on April 5, 2012, at the Hasya checkpoint, in Hums.

AGPS kept record of the names of 1,734 Palestinians, including 108 women and girls, secretly incarcerated in Syrian regime penitentiaries, where more than 570 refugees also died under torture.