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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"Palestinian Asylum-Seekers Pushed Back from Albania"

- UNRWA Urges Palestinian Refugees to Get Coronavirus Vaccine
- New Testimony Released about Forced Disappearance of Palestinian Doctor in Syria
- 5 Migrants Missing as Boat Drowns off Aegean Coast
- Blockade on Yarmouk Camp Results in Death of 204 Palestinian Refugees in Syria

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Latest Developments

Eights Palestinian migrants were detained by the Albanian authorities before they were pushed back to Greek borders, a Palestinian refugee told AGPS.

He said the refugees illegally entered Albania trying to reach a European destination before they were caught by Albanian authorities and sent to custody.

The migrants were interrogated for hours before they were pushed back to Greece through a rock-strewn off-road. They have to walk for kilometers to reach Greek territories.

In another development, UNRWA urged Palestinian refugees to get COVID-19 vaccines against the novel coronavirus as a precautionary measure.

Recently, the World Health Organization (WHO) greenlighted the development and deployment of safe and effective vaccines in an attempt to reduce mortality rates.

UNRWA said Palestine refugees will get the vaccine for free in its five fields of operations.

Meanwhile, the colleague of Palestinian refugee Hayel Hamid, who has held in Syrian prisons for over seven years running, said Hayel was arrested after he protested against the arbitrary arrest and killing by the Syrian regime of peaceful demonstrators and their relatives.



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Another colleague of Hayel said he was summoned to questioning by Syrian security forces several times. He was last kidnapped from his clinic in Yarmouk Camp.

Palestinian doctor and former prisoner in Syria, Omar Mheibash, said an investigator at AlMezzah prison, in Damascus, told him that Hayel was being held in a cell and denied medical treatment.

AGPS has been deeply concerned about the upsurge in the number of Palestinian victims of torture and enforced disappearance in Syria.

Over 1,790 Palestinian refugees have been secretly held in Syrian government dungeons since the outburst of deadly hostilities.

AGPS also documented the death of over 600 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 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).

In the meantime, five migrants have gone missing and another five were rescued after their Greece-bound boat capsized off the Aegean coast.



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Activists said the boat set sail from the Turkish city of Marmaris on January 14. Greece coast guard rescued five migrants and pushed back the vessel to Turkey. Another five migrants were reported missing the following day.

Along similar lines, AGPS documented the death of 204 Palestinian refugees as a result of medical neglect and the blockade imposed on Yarmouk Camp, south of Damascus.

Over the past decade, Yarmouk Camp has been subjected to a preplanned and systematic deprivation tactic aiming to further displace the Palestinian refugee population. As a result, the residents have been made to endure starvation, the blockade, destruction, and homelessness.

On July 18, 2014, a tough blockade was imposed by Syrian security forces on Yarmouk Camp. On August 8, water and power were completely cut off. Medical and food aid items were also barred from entering the camp, leaving dozens of cash-strapped families stranded inside the camp.