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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



### "Syria's AlHusainiya Camp for Palestinian Refugees Grappling with Dire Conditions"

- Palestinian Refugee Mootaz Jamal Released from German Prison
- Palestinian Refugee Mohamed Hamdan Secretly Held in Syrian Govt Jail
- Palestinian Refugee Wins Best Photographer Award in Syria

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## Latest Developments

Residents of AlHusainiya Camp, in Rif Dimashq, have denounced the poor infrastructure and absence of vital services in the area, saying mounds of trash have been piled up across residential alleyways.

The residents also said that they have been enduring frequent water and power blackouts along with an acute shortage in much-needed gas cylinders.



Civilians have frequently appealed to the concerned authorities to urgently intervene in order to work out the crises rocking the area and rehabilitate vital facilities. But their cries for help have often gone unheeded.

High unemployment rates and the absence of relief assistance by UNRWA and other humanitarian institutions have made survival quite difficult in the area.

Offensives launched on the camp using MIG warplanes led to the death of dozens of civilians in AlHusainiya Camp and a massive material destruction. Bloody shootouts between the opposition



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outfits and the Syrian government forces culminated in the latter's takeover of the camp on October 9, 2013.

In another development, the German authorities freed the Palestinian refugee Mootaz Jamal from jail, where he had been kept for nearly three years over charges of human trafficking and migrant smuggling onboard inflatable boats bound for Europe.



Human smuggling is considered a serious crime by the German law. Paragraphs 96 and 97 of the Residence Act state that smugglers be sent to jail. Human traffickers who cause the death of a person might face a prison-term of up to 15 years.

Along the same line, Palestinian refugee Mohamed Mustafa Hamdan has been locked up in Syrian government prisons for the 6th consecutive year.

Mohamed, a resident of Yarmouk Camp, was arrested by Syrian security forces on August 31, 2013 as he passed through the Maliha checkpoint, in Eastern Ghouta. His condition and whereabouts could not be identified.



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AGPS documented the secret detention of 1,768 Palestinian refugees in Syria's state-run prisons, among them 108 women.

Meanwhile, Palestinian photographer Mootaz AlMawed, from Yarmouk camp, in Damascus, won the press photo contest, held by the General Sports Federation in Syria on November 18 as part of the 2019 Golden Pen Competition.

Mootaz told the Syrian news agency SANA that his success in the competition will encourage him to make many other steps forward and to take part in upcoming festivals.

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

