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الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية
The situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria

Palestinian Refugee Family Subjected to Blackmail, Theft Upon Return to Syria

- **Palestinian Refugees Denounce Property-Theft in Yarmouk Camp**
- **Khan Eshieh Camp Gripped with Chronic Power Blackout**
- **Cleaning Campaign Launched in AlHusainiya Refugee Camp**



Latest Developments

A Palestinian family was blackmailed on Saturday at a regime checkpoint as they returned to Syria from Lebanon.

A few days earlier, the family headed for Lebanon to pay a visit to their relatives. Syrian security officers searched them and robbed them of their money, mobile phone, and other food and non-food items.

The Syrian authorities threatened retaliation against the family in case they speak up against the violations they have been subjected to.

Earlier this year, Foreign Policy magazine said Syria is neither safe nor stable for migrant returns. Returnees often disappear without a trace into the hands of the security state.

Foreign Policy added that Syria is an unstable place. Political change is not inevitable, but it is possible. Many of Syria's neighbors have sizable populations of Syria refugees. These people are frequently mistreated in the labor markets and are subject to nationalist and sectarian violence.

Lebanon and Turkey are suffering their own economic crises; they would rather be deporting refugees to Syria, in whatever shape it is, than taking more in—yet keeping an unvictorious Assad in power risks more violence, more displacement, and possibly greater tides of people, it said.

In the meantime, residents of Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian refugees, south of Damascus, have called on Syrian authorities to take urgent action in response to increasing burglary and violence.

Recently, thieves violently beat a resident after they broke into his family home, resulting in severe fractures.

The man's brother said the family brought the case to the court. However, their appeals have gone unheeded.

Reports of burglary continue to emerge in Yarmouk Camp, south of Damascus, where hundreds of Palestinian refugees had been taking shelter.



Palestinian families displaced from the area continue to call on the concerned authorities to allow them a safe return to their homes and to press ahead with reconstruction projects.

Over recent years, pro-government militias have been raking through evacuated homes in Damascus and holding sway over furniture, copper, iron, and kitchenware belonging to displaced families.

The Syrian government forces regained control over Yarmouk Camp and southern Damascus towns following a 33-day military operation launched in April 2018. Dozens of civilians were killed and dozens more injured in the offensive. Over 60% of buildings have gone either totally or partially destroyed in the warfare.

UN data indicates that before the eruption of the conflict in 2011, Yarmouk was home to approximately 160,000 Palestine refugees, making it the largest Palestine refugee community in Syria. Located eight kilometers from Damascus, it is one of three unofficial camps in Syria.

In another development, residents of Khan Eshieh Camp for Palestinian refugees, in Rif Dimashq, denounced the electricity rationing imposed by local authorities, saying an eleven-hour cut/one-hour supply has been implemented in the area.

The residents also said their lives are at risk due to loose electric cables.

Civilians have slammed the apathy maintained by local authorities regarding their appeals for urgent action. They accused the emergency committee of corruption and blackmailing.

Draped with water pipes and high voltage wires, the major fuse box that splits power from the grid in residential alleyways in the overcrowded Palestinian refugee camp put children's life at risk.

In the meantime, the municipality of AlHusaniya Camp for Palestinian refugees, in Rif Dimashq, embarked on a drive to cleanse residential alleyways.

Garbage and rubble have also been cleared from the area.

Over recent years, residents of AlHusainiya camp have denounced the absence of vital services in the area. The transportation crisis,



price leap, absence of relief assistance and healthcare, power and water crises, and high rates of unemployment have made survival quite difficult for dozens of displaced Palestinian families.