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Latest Developments

The Palestinian Return Centre (PRC) passed on two new documents to the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) in Geneva as part of its underway efforts to draw the world's attention to the calamitous situation of the Palestinians of Syria.

The first document covers the sweeps of forced deportation of Palestinians to Idlib, north of Syria, where nearly 1,300 Palestinian families have been scattered across 12 locations ever since the Syrian government forces recaptured Damascus' eastern and southern zones.



The document underscores the abject living conditions endured by the displaced Palestinian communities north of Syria, deemed as the most tension-stricken region across the Syrian territories.

It further warned of UNRWA's dragging of its feet regarding the tragic situation wrought on hundreds of displaced Palestinian families who have expressed their deep concern over their unknown fate.



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PRC called for serious efforts to secure Palestinians' legal and physical protection.

The second document, officially taken onboard by the UNHRC as an authentic UN-archived paper, underscores the number of detainees and victims of enforced disappearance in Syrian dungeons according to data collected by the Action Group for Palestinians of Syria (AGPS).

The paper highlights the abrupt abduction sweeps launched in blockaded zones, at military checkpoints, and near UNRWA distribution centers. Hundreds have, meanwhile, been tortured to death in Syrian prisons and/or have had their bodies withheld by the Syrian authorities.

PRC also delivered an oral statement under Agenda Item 4 about the situation of the Palestinians of Syria before the chairman and members of the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic.

A couple of days earlier, PRC briefed academics, lawyers, and researchers, during a seminar held on the sidelines of UNHRC's 39th session in Geneva, on the dreadful situation of the Palestinian refugee community in Syria.

PRC is an independent, non-partisan organization advocating the rights of Palestinian refugees. In July 2015, the centre was granted consultative status at the United Nations as a Non-governmental organization (NGO) in special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), in recognition of its efforts in standing up for Palestinian human rights.



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Meanwhile, secretary of the Coalition of Palestinian Factions in Syria, Khaled Abdul Majeed, said no specific date has been set for the return of displaced families to Yarmouk Camp, adding that contacts have been underway with the Syrian authorities so as to dispatch a committee of experts to inspect the damage wrought on civilian buildings and press ahead with reconstruction.



Abdul Majid said a round of meetings has been held between Palestinian factions and Syrian authorities to discuss the most efficient ways to remove debris and smooth civilians' access to their homes.

Clearance of debris and reconstruction of the Shuhadaa Cemetery have also been underway. At the same time, additional funds have been allotted by the Palestinian National Fund to further remove rubble from Yarmouk, added Abdul Majid.

The Syrian government forces regained control over Yarmouk Camp and southern Damascus towns following a 33-day military operation launched on April 19. At least 33 civilians were killed and dozens more injured in the offensive. Over 80% of buildings have



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been either totally or partially destroyed in the warfare. 90% of homes have been subjected to burglary and looting.

In the meantime, residents of Handarat Camp for Palestinian refugees in Aleppo called on UNRWA to secure buses to transfer students to their schools.

Dozens of families taking shelter in Handarat slammed the refugee agency for its apathy regarding the transportation crisis in the area, which they said has prevented hundreds of schoolchildren and students from reaching their academic institutions.

They urged UNRWA to allocate a bus and a van for the transfer of students, who have been taken to schools onboard an exhausted Suzuki car.

Heavy shelling on Handarat and bloody shootouts between the government forces and the opposition outfits resulted in huge material damage. The confrontations culminated in the government's takeover of the camp, along with other areas in Aleppo.

In another development, Palestinian child from Syria Kusay Jawad ALShehabi, aged ten, was nominated as the best midfield attacker in Kurdistan's Sulaymaniyah province following a final contest held in the region.

Kusay's family, formerly sheltered in Yarmouk Camp, expressed their deep pride of the achievement, which they said has come along despite the state of despair overwhelming the Palestinians of Syria as a result of the warfare and displacement.



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