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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"Palestinian Staffer at UNRWA Missing from Damascus"

- Palestinian Refugee Child Wins Chest Contest
- Lebanon Vocational Center Offers University Grants to Palestinians from Syria
- Popular Committee at Naher AlBared Camp Calls On Palestinians from Syria to Sign Up for Humanitarian Aid
- Palestinian Refugee Mohamed Mohamed Forcibly Disappeared by Syrian Regime for 8th Year



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Latest Developments

Palestinian refugee Wasim Ahmed Taameh, a resident of Jaramana Camp for Palestinian refugees, in Rif Dimashq, disappeared on Thursday March 18, 2021 from AlMezzeh area, in Damascus.

Taameh has been a UNRWA staffer for years.

333 Palestinian refugees, including 37 women and girls, have gone missing since the outbreak of the Syrian warfare. Most of those who have disappeared in the country are residents of Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian refugees, south of Damascus.

Activists have accused pro-government militias of targeting Palestinians in arbitrary abduction sweeps carried out under the security guise. Scores of families have been blackmailed over the release of their missing relatives and have paid large sums of money to brokers, crooked lawyers, or government officials to get pieces of information about their conditions and whereabouts.

In another development, Palestinian refugee Hosam Jaber Yousef, from ALAyedeen Camp in Hums, won the chess championship in Hums. He won the fifth place at the Republic Chess Championship held in Latakia.

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



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This includes scores of refugee students who have obtained the highest scores at their academic institutions; hundreds of refugee sportsmen/sportswomen who snatched the first places in regional and international competitions; dozens of artists who received renowned literary awards for their products and performances; and several housewives who turned trauma into a space of creativity.

In the meantime, the popular committee in Naher AlBared camp, north of Lebanon, called on Palestinians of Syria in the camp and its environs, to register their names and update their personal data for aid distribution.

Palestinian refugees from Syria (PRS) in Lebanon are grappling with increased hardship and vulnerability, due to long-term displacement and difficult socio-economic conditions, coupled with the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic, said UNRWA in a fact sheet entitled “Syria Regional Crisis Emergency Appeal 2021”.

According to UNRWA, 87% of PRS live in poverty in the Lebanese territories.

Over 470,000 refugees are registered with UNRWA in Lebanon. About 45 per cent of them live in the country’s 12 refugee camps. Conditions in the camps are dire and characterized by overcrowding, poor housing conditions, unemployment, poverty and lack of access to justice.



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Palestinians in Lebanon do not enjoy several important rights; for example, they cannot work in many professions and cannot own property (real estate). Because they are not formally citizens of another state, Palestine refugees are unable to claim the same rights as other foreigners living and working in Lebanon.

In the meantime, Tamkeen Vocational Institute is offering scholarships for Syrian students and Palestinian students from Syria pursuing their 3rd year BA studies.

The grant includes tuition fees and personal expenses.

In recent reports, AGPS has warned that most of Syria's schools have been destroyed or put out of operation in the raging warfare, imperiling the education of the Syrians and Palestinians alike.

The Syrian warfare has contributed to a sharp nosedive in the rates of access to education, estimated at 75% in 2015, down from 95% prior to the conflict.

In the meantime, Palestinian refugee Mohamed Ahmed Mohamed, born in 1994, has been secretly held in Syrian prisons for 8 years running.

Mohamed was arrested on May 27, 2014 at a checkpoint in Yarmouk Camp, south of Damascus.

AGPS has documented the secret detention of 1,797 Palestinian refugees in state-run penal complexes across war-torn Syria, among them 110 women and girls.



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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).