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"Palestinian Woman Forcibly Disappeared in Damascus Prison"

- Displaced Palestinians Warn of Property-Theft South of Damascus
- UNRWA to Hold Training Courses for Palestinians with Special Needs in Syria
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Latest Developments

A newly-released Palestinian refugee said she last met Palestinian woman Amal Shama last year at a Syrian intelligence center in Damascus.

Amal, a resident of Daraa city, south of Syria, has been forcibly disappeared by the Syrian security forces. Her condition could not be identified.



AGPS documented the secret detention of 1,787 Palestinian refugees in Syria's state run penal complexes, among them 110 women and girls.

In another development, reports have burglary continue to emerge in AlHajar AlAswad neighborhood, adjacent to Yarmouk Camp, south of Damascus, where hundreds of Palestinian refugees have been taking shelter.

Members of pro-government groups have reportedly stolen furniture from abandoned buildings in and around the neighborhoods.

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.



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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.

Meanwhile, UNRWA has announced the launch of free training courses for Palestinians and Syrians with special needs across Palestinian refugee camps in Syria.

The move makes part of the Agency's disability inclusion program. The refugees will attend training sessions in hairdressing and photography.

In order to be able to take part in the training the refugee should be literate and aged between 19 and 40.

More than eight years of deadly warfare have imperiled the quality of education and access to educational facilities in the ravaged Syrian territories. Palestinian schoolchildren and university



students continue to strive for careers that match their dreams for a better future.

Upon more than one occasion, the UN has raised alarm bells over the striking upsurge in the rate of school dropouts among the Palestinians of Syria, several among whom have left schools to help feeding their impoverished families in unemployment-stricken refugee camps.

The situation of dozens of children with disabilities has gone far worse after they lost their parents in the bloody warfare. Others have endured limb amputation owing to the violent onslaughts.

UNRWA said it assists more than 2,300 Palestine refugees with disabilities in Syria, who have had their lives marred by the unabated warfare and bloody strife.

Along similar lines, a so-called “Be My Friend” event has been held at AlSafsaf School in Daraa refugee camp, where 475 schoolchildren have been enrolled.

The move makes part of UNRWA’s anti-bullying program, held in partnership with psychiatrists and teaching staff.

Bullying is the use of force, coercion, or threat, to abuse, aggressively dominate or intimidate. It is a form of aggressive behavior intended to hurt another individual, physically, mentally, or emotionally. Bullying is characterized by hostile intent, imbalance of power, and repetition over a period of time. It ranges from one-on-one, individual bullying through to group bullying, called mobbing. Bullying in school and the workplace is also referred to as "peer abuse".



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As many as 700 students (from 1st to 9th grade) have been taking refuge in Daraa.

Prior to the conflict, back in 2010, six UNRWA schools had been operative in Daraa Camp, before they shut their doors as a result of the bloody shootouts.

The war in Syria has had disastrous fallouts on civilians' intellectual skills and academic performance, with hundreds of Palestine refugees dropping out of school over security concerns or following psychological breakdowns. A number of education facilities have also been turned into prisons or field hospitals, imperiling Palestinians' academic careers.

Founded in 1950-1951, Daraa Camp is home to over 650 displaced Palestinian families. As many as 4,500 families used to take shelter in the camp prior to the outbreak of the conflict, in 2011.

