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The situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



Palestinian Refugees Raise Concerns over Forced Military Conscription by Syrian Regime

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- Life of Palestinian Refugees in Northern Syria Displacement Camps Threatened by Fires



Latest Development

Scores of Palestinian refugees sheltered in war-torn Syria have sounded distress signals over the arbitrary manhunts and security sweeps launched by the Syrian regime which they said are a prelude for forced military conscription.

The refugees said they have been subjected to intensive questioning and searches at military checkpoints in and around Damascus.

Security patrols also broke into houses and arrested a number of young men in Qudsaya, Duma, and Rif Dimashq.

Eleven years into the Syrian conflict, thousands of Palestinian refugees continue to suffer protracted displacement. The Syrian regime has forcibly displaced thousands of Palestinians and Syrians.

Today, those who wish to return to the vastly devastated refugee camps in Syria fear they would be arrested or forced into military conscription.

Those who were involved in anti-government protests and deserted from military service say they cannot go back to the country for fear of being killed or persecuted.

Human rights groups have documented several cases where Syrian intelligence branches have arbitrarily detained, disappeared, and/or harassed people in areas retaken from opposition groups. The abuse is taking place even when the government has entered into reconciliation agreements with the people involved.



Upon more than once occasion, AGPS has called on the Syrian government to disclose the fate of hundreds of Palestinians forcibly disappeared in state-run prisons.

In another development, Palestinian activists and CSOs launched an e-petition condemning a meeting between the Union of Palestinian Diaspora in Europe and Syria's President Bashar AlAssad.

The petition says the meeting amounts to an attempt to whitewash the crimes committed by the Syrian regime against Palestinian refugees and Syrians alike.

The signatories slammed the Union for failing to reach out to Palestinians of Syria and taking into consideration their demands and viewpoints in this regard.

A few days earlier, the Union of Palestinian Diaspora in Europe met with Syrian president in an event marking the 74th anniversary of the Palestinian Nakba, the day on which tens of thousands of civilians were forced out of their homes during the war that led to the creation of the self-proclaimed State of Israel in 1948.

Meanwhile, the Swedish migration authorities have denied Palestinian-Syrian refugees coming from Gulf countries the right to asylum, leaving them face-to-face with an ambivalent fate.

Palestinian refugees from Syria who wish to return to a Gulf country are systematically denied this right, especially if they leave the country for more than three months.



Without giving any logical explanations, growing numbers of Palestinians who committed no offences have been denied their right to obtain new resident permits in Sweden or renew old ones that are close to expiring.

These unjustifiable practices violate international law by targeting Palestinian asylum seekers in particular, while the Immigration Department handles asylum applications from other nationalities without similar restrictions.

The Swedish authorities should cease such discriminatory measures against Palestinian asylum seekers in the country, grant them their rights under relevant domestic, European and international laws and treat them equally just like the rest of their peers from other nationalities.

The Swedish authorities' continuation of such discriminatory actions against Palestinian asylum seekers will put the lives of asylum seekers in danger, be it by depriving them of their basic rights, or returning them to unsafe areas from which they have fled.

Swedish authorities should respect their contractual legal obligations, regularize the conditions of refugees and asylum seekers, enable them to integrate into society, and enjoy all basic rights guaranteed to them by international law, especially the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Refugee Convention and the International Covenants on Civil Rights, and other political, economic and social agreements.



AGPS also calls on the United Nations and the European Union to act quickly and seriously to put pressure on the Swedish authorities to ensure that asylum seekers and refugees in its territory have access to all their rights guaranteed according to international law, and to ensure the provision of basic services to them without discrimination on the basis of nationality, and to find specific mechanisms to force Swedish authorities to implement those decisions and not to repeat such practices against refugees and asylum seekers in the future.

In another development, the Syria Response Coordinators group said so far fires broke out in 82 tent camps out of 112 set up for displaced families in northern Syria. A number of deaths and injuries were also reported.

The group said civilians' lives are at risk as weather temperatures have skyrocketed in a region where the majority of tents are not fire-resistant.

The group called on the international humanitarian organizations to provide firefighting equipment in the area and increase water supplies in over 590 displacement camps in northern Syria.

Over 250 Palestinian refugee families have been sheltered in poorly-equipped tents set up north of Syria, where the humanitarian situation has been dire.