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Latest Developments

A number of Palestinian refugees, including relief officers, have been locked up in Syrian government prisons. Several of them have got their security situation worked out after the opposition outfits withdrew from southern Damascus, though.



Recently, AGPS has learned that an abduction sweep launched in Babila, Yalda, and Beit Sahem towns, south of Damascus, culminated in the detention of Palestinian refugees Mohamed Yasin Fatyan, Abu Khaled Amayri, Yaser Karim, Maher Nasr, Ahmad Mahahi, Abu Ameen Abdul Hafidh, Fadi Akli, and Younes Abu Ria over allegations of involvement in killing during the conflict.

At the same time, Palestinian relief activist Yaser Amayri was released from Syrian government prison on Thursday, August 22.

Yaser was arrested in April, along with other refugees, after they were summoned to questioning by Syria's Palestine Branch forces.

Sometime earlier, the Syrian authorities ordered Palestinian refugees sheltered in Babila, Yalda, and Beit Sahem, south of



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Damascus to work on clearing up their security situation at offices run by the Russian side, the Ministry of Reconciliation, and pro-government security forces. The measure was dictated following a reconciliation deal struck between the Syrian government and opposition outfits in April 2018.



Key to the deal was the retreat of gunmen from Yalda, Babila, and Beit Sahem to Idlib, north of Syria, after handing over their war arsenal. Civilians who wished to leave southern Damascus were also allowed access out of the area.

Along the same line, Syrian police in Sabina area said two missing Palestinian girls—Hend Suleiman Ibrahim, 16, and Nour Na'im Diab, 14—were found.

The two girls mysteriously disappeared on August 22. Their families kept appealing for information regarding their condition and whereabouts.

Meanwhile, Daraa Camp for Palestinian refugees has been grappling with abject conditions as a result of the fallouts of the military operation launched by the Syrian government forces in



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mid-June 2018 using internationally-prohibited weapons in an attempt to recapture the area. 80% of civilian homes and property were destroyed.

An acute shortage in medicines and much-needed items along with the government's tough blockade on the camp have made life unbearable in the area.

The residents also continue to appeal for debris-clearance, reconstruction of ruined homes and facilities, and removal of trash piles.



Civilians said they have been forced to drink water spouting from contaminated artesian wells. The poor sanitation networks and improper sewage disposal have made the situation worse.

Residents of Daraa Camp continue to sound distress signals over the absence of health services and life-saving medical kit. Most of the clinics and medical centers in the area have gone out of operation in the warfare. Dozens of sick and elderly civilians face mountainous journeys trying to reach AlKashef area for treatment.

The residents continue to urge the Palestine Liberation Organization, UNRWA, and the General Authority for Palestine



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Refugees to make serious steps in order to reconstruct infrastructure, rehabilitate water, power, and sanitation networks, and restore UNRWA's health, educational, and relief facilities.

At the same time, AGPS documented a sharp nosedive in access to education for Palestinians sheltered in Daraa refugee camp, south of Syria.

Most of Daraa's schools have been destroyed or put out of operation in the raging warfare as a result of heavy shelling using missiles and barrel bombs. A number of education facilities have also been turned into prisons or field hospitals, imperiling Palestinians' academic careers. Dozens of Palestinian teaching staff members have been arrested and sent to jail. 525 students are enrolled at the UNRWA-run school in Daraa.

Six UNRWA schools had been operative in Daraa Camp, before they shut their doors as a result of the bloody shootouts.

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.

In the meantime, a pro-Palestine cultural event held in the German city of Lunebourg sounded the alarm over the deteriorating living conditions in Yarmouk Camp for Palestine refugees, in Damascus.

Photos taken by activist Niraz Sa'id, who was tortured to death in Syrian government prisons, were put on display at the event. A movie was also screened.