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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



### "6 Palestinian Refugees from Syria Pronounced Dead in February 2019"

- UNRWA: Number of Palestinian Refugees from Syria in Lebanon Goes Down
- Turkey Denies Intent to Rescind Palestinian Refugees' Travel Documents
- 2 Palestinians among 55 Illegal Migrants Rescued by Turkish Coast Guard

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## Latest Developments

AGPS documented the death of six Palestinian refugees in war-torn Syria in February 2019, down from 21 in February 2018.

The list includes four Palestinian casualties in Damascus and another north of Syria.

Damascus also topped the list of the victims of February 2018 with 12 casualties, followed by Rif Dimashq, with five victims. One refugee died in Deir AlZor. Another three Palestinians died in unknown locations.



Meanwhile, UNRWA on Monday said 28,598 Palestinian refugees have been taking shelter in Lebanon, according to Statistics until the end of February, with a remarkable decrease from previous years.

UNRWA data estimated that until December 2016 as many as 31,850 Palestinian refugees had sought shelter in Lebanon.

In recent reports, AGPS said the number of Palestinians who fled war-torn Syria to Lebanon has dramatically shrunk back over the past few years.



The decrease has been attributed to the mistreatment and crackdowns perpetrated against the refugees in the Lebanese territories, where they have also been denied the right to legal visas, refugee documents, safe accommodation, basic services, relief assistance, free education and healthcare, and access to the local labor market.

A decision issued by the Lebanese authorities in early May 2014 denied the Palestinians of Syria the right to freely enter the Lebanese territories, in an attempt to rein in refugee influx from Syria.

In another development, Turkish sources denied reports about a recent decision by the Immigration and Passports Office to deactivate travel documents of Palestinian refugees.

An anonymous source told Turkeyalaan.net on Thursday that reports about a decision by the Turkish Migration Office stipulating that only passports signed by Palestinian-Authority (PA) will be recognized by authorities are counterfeit.

The same source added that visa applications submitted by Palestinian holders of the “travel document” are subject to similar eligibility criteria as other applicants.

Unofficial statistics indicate that 8,000 Palestinians from Syria have sought shelter in Turkey, where they have been facing dire socio-economic conditions and denied access to the local labor market.





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Turkish embassies continue to prevent Palestinian refugees from Syria from obtaining visas. As a result, hundreds of Palestinians have embarked on life-threatening journeys via illegal immigration roads to reach Turkey, fleeing war-tattered Syria, among other war-stricken zones.

In the meantime, Turkish coast guard rescued 55 irregular migrants from a sinking rubber boat in the Aegean Sea off the country's southwestern coast on Saturday.

According to a statement by the Coastal Guard Command, the boat, carrying 52 Syrians, two Palestinians and a Saudi national, suffered engine failure before the rescue team reached them.

The migrants sailed off from the Turkish coastal province of Aydin heading for nearest Greek islands. They were taken to the provincial migration management offices for further procedure.

Turkey has been the main launch-off route for refugees trying to cross into Europe, especially since the beginning of deadly warfare in Syria.

