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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"Displaced Palestinian Refugee North of Syria Sells Shoes to Buy Children's Milk"

- Palestinian Refugees Express Deep Concern over Security Turmoil in Syria's AlMuzeireeb Town
- Palestinian Asylum-Seekers Subjected to Medical Neglect on Greek Island
- 280 Palestinian Refugees Affiliated with PLA Killed in War-Torn Syria
- Palestinian Refugee Khaled Khalil Forcibly Disappeared by Syrian Regime



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Latest Developments

Over 1,450 displaced Palestinian families taking shelter in displacement camps set up in northern Syria have been struggling with squalid humanitarian conditions.

A refugee called Mohamed Adnan found no other way to feed his starved kids than to sell his shoes.

He said one of his children weights one kilogram while the other weighs no more than two kilograms due to undernourishment.

Mohamed told AGPS that he sold his shoes to buy a box of milk worth 60 Turkish liras.

Mohamed appealed to the international human rights organizations and UNRWA to lend him a hand and help him secure much-needed items to his starved kids.

Earlier this month, the Palestinian Return Centre (PRC) sounded the alarm over the calamitous situation of Palestinian refugees taking shelter in displacement camps set up in northern Syria.

This came in an oral statement delivered at a seminar with the independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic as part of the 46th session of the UNHRC in Geneva.

PRC indicated that 1,450 Palestinian refugees are facing squalid conditions in northern Syria as a result of the unabated conflict.



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PRC's speaker warned of the disastrous fallouts wrought by the river floods, snowstorms, and freezing temperatures that swamped the area over recent months.

PRC's speaker condemned the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) for turning its back on the refugees' cries for help on account that they are sheltered in hard-to-reach or inaccessible zones.

PRC urged the UNHCR to take all necessary measures to protect Palestinian refugees and enhance their humanitarian condition.

Along similar lines, Palestinians taking shelter in AlMuzeireeb town have expressed deep concern over the security situation in the area due to increasing assassination attempts and arbitrary shootouts.

Dozens of assassination operations have targeted Palestinian refugees in the area.

At the same time, Palestinian refugees have been targeted in arbitrary manhunts and forced into military conscription with pro-regime militias.

AGPS has documented the death of dozens of Palestinian refugees in AlMuzeireeb town, home to 1,700 Palestinian families displaced from Daraa Camp.

Meanwhile, Palestinian asylum seekers sheltered on the Greek island of Kos said they have been deprived of healthcare services



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and hygiene kit needed to protect themselves against the coronavirus pandemic.

A Palestinian refugee told AGPS that an African migrant has died due to medical neglect. Greek authorities refused to transfer him to the hospital to remove an infected appendix.

Several cancer-stricken cases and expectant women are also in need of urgent medical assistance in the camp. A migrant suffering from Tuberculosis was only transferred to the hospital after three months. Another girl with psychological disorders has not been provided with psychological assistance.

More than 4,000 Palestinian refugees from Syria have sought shelter in Greece, where they live in filthy and overcrowded temporary camps, some for months or years.

Palestinian refugees from Syria continue to risk their lives onboard the “death boats” to Greece, rummaging around for a momentary respite from the daily scenes of bloodshed and destruction.

AGPS has kept record of the death of dozens of refugees onboard Greece-bound ships. Several others have been arrested by coast guards.

In the meantime, 280 Palestinian refugees fighting alongside PLA forces have been pronounced dead since the outbreak of the conflict in the Syrian Arab Republic.



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AGPS data indicates that most of the casualties died in such Rif Dimashq areas as Tel Kurdi, Tel Sawan and AlSweida region, south of Syria.

15 PLA members were pronounced dead after they broke away from the battalion. Several others were tortured to death in Syrian government jails. 17 members have been forcibly disappeared since 2011.

Scores of Palestinian youths have been forced to join the PLA. Those who refuse forced conscription are often subjected to manhunt and imprisonment. Thousands of young men have fled the country in the hunt for a safer shelter.

Sometime earlier, the PLA's Chief of Staff, Major General Tareq AlKhadra, said nearly 6,000 conscripts have been fighting alongside PLA at over 15 sites across war-ravaged Syria.

In another development, Palestinian refugee Khaled Mohamed Khalil AlTobeh, a resident of AlAyedeen Camp in Hums, has been secretly held in Syrian government prisons for the sixth consecutive year.

Khaled, in his 30s and a native of Safouriya village, in occupied Palestinian territories, was arrested on March 13, 2015.

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).