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الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية

Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



**"U.A.E Denies Entry of Palestinian Refugee Family Deported from Turkey"**

- UNRWA: Situation of Palestinian Refugees in Syria Worst Ever
- Cash Aid Distributed to Palestinian Refugees from Syria in Turkey
- Activist Udai Teym Forcibly Disappeared by Syrian Regime for 9<sup>th</sup> year

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## Latest Developments

A Palestinian refugee family deported from the Istanbul airport last week has been denied access into the U.A.E.

The parents along with their two children were returned back to Turkey.

The father Mohamed told AGPS that he fled Syria with his family to Lebanon, before they reached the U.A.E. After his child's health condition deteriorated. The family returned to Lebanon through the Istanbul airport.

The father added that the family lost their identity documents at the Istanbul airport, where they had been stranded for five days and subjected to mistreatment and neglect. The father was beaten by a Turkish officer at the airport after he lifted banners calling for urgent humanitarian action. They had received only one meal a day and left sleeping on the ground.

Shortly after, the family appealed for humanitarian asylum in Turkey, but were deported to the U.A.E without identity documents. The Emirati authorities returned them back to Turkey.

The family continues to appeal to the Turkish authorities, international humanitarian organizations and the Palestine embassy to work on granting them humanitarian asylum in a safe destination and to provide their children with life-saving healthcare services.



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Along similar lines, UNRWA said the ongoing crisis in Syria, which just entered its eleventh year and has been aggravated by COVID-19 and its related socioeconomic consequences, casts a dark shadow on the lives of Palestine refugees remaining in the country.

Some 60 per cent of Palestine refugees have been displaced from their homes at least once and many have lost their jobs and sources of income; they continue to struggle with the adverse conditions affecting their daily lives.

In Syria, UNRWA provides cash assistance to some 145,000 Palestine refugees belonging to most vulnerable categories, helping them meet their basic needs.

The protracted conflict has devastated human security and left 91 per cent of the 438,000 Palestine refugees estimated to remain in the country in absolute poverty and 40 per cent displaced.

As the coronavirus pandemic has rebounded around the MENA region and the globe, Palestinian refugees in war-torn Syria continue to struggle with growing poverty and economic hardship.

Many PRS lost their sources of income; refugee camps have seen unprecedented levels of destruction; rental prices have dramatically gone up; undernourishment and poverty have been a daily nightmare.

Due to the serious protection gaps, children have been forced to drop out of school and join armed groups to help feed their



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starving families. Hundreds of families have had women as their sole breadwinners; and in several other cases boys and girls are spotted begging in the street for a few pounds.

In another development, Palestinian Minister of Religious Affairs Hatem Bukri said cash grants have been distributed to Palestinian refugee families from Syria in Turkey.

Speaking from Ankara, Minister Bukri said the move makes part of the Takaful campaign launched by the Ministry.

A sum of 1 million USD has been collected as part of the humanitarian drive.

Unofficial statistics indicate that 10,000 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.

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, Palestinian activist Udai Aref Teym has been secretly held in Syria's state-run prisons for the ninth consecutive year.



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Udai was kidnapped by Syrian security forces on August 29, 2013 from his house in Jaramana Camp for Palestinian refugees, in Rif Dimashq.

He was born on May 12, 1993 in Yarmouk refugee camp, south of Damascus. His family hails from the Israeli-occupied Palestinian village of AlShajara. His mother was displaced from Kafr Kana town, near occupied Nazareth, to Syria following the Nakbah of 1948.

AGPS has documented the secret detention of over 1,800 Palestinian refugees in state-run penal complexes across war-torn Syria, among them 110 women and girls.

AGPS has 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).