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The situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



**2 Palestinian Women Rescued, 6 Missing as Boat Drowns off Mediterranean**

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## **Latest Development**

Two Palestinian refugee women were rescued and six others have been unaccounted for after a boat sank off the southern Tunisian coast of Kerkennah.

The boat with dozens of illegal migrants onboard was bound for Europe.

Palestinian refugees Lana Darwish and Karima Kuseih, from AlRaml refugee camp, in Latakia, were rescued and transferred to a hospital in Sfax city, where they received medical treatment.

Six other Palestinian refugees sheltered in the displacement camps of AlRaml and AlNeirab, in Syria, have gone missing. They are: Tawfiq AlKuseih, Rasha Ghazwan, and the brothers Husain Ali Tayeh (born in 1999) and Mahmoud Ali Tayeh (born in 2001).

Unverified reports claimed that refugees Sawsan AlDayeh and Fadi Bilal Fayad reached Valetta Port in Malta after they were rescued by Maltese, Italian and Tunisian coast guards.

Dozens of migrants and asylum seekers have died or gone missing after their boat sank off the Tunisian coast a few days ago.

A rubber boat sailed from the coast of the city of Zuwara in northwestern Libya carrying 100 migrants and asylum seekers before it sank last Monday off the coast of the state of Sfax, southeast of Tunisia.

According to the International Organization for Migration, 24 people were rescued, and 76 others are still missing.



Most of the victims are from sub-Saharan Africa, and some of them are of Arab nationalities, but it has not yet been possible to accurately determine the nationalities of the drowned.

Since the beginning of this year, the number of documented migrant and asylum seeker drownings has risen to about 800, in more than 85 incidents in the Mediterranean. This is almost equal to the number during the same period last year, which indicates that the concerned parties ignore all efforts to save the lives of these innocent people.

Along similar lines, the Palestinian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates said Wednesday that its embassy in Tunisia was following up on the condition of migrants, including five Palestinians, whose boat capsized off the Tunisian coast.

Political advisor to the Foreign Minister, Ahmad al-Dik, said that the Palestinian embassy in Tunis sent a delegation to the Sfax governorate to follow up on all details regarding the capsized boat and to check on reports that Palestinians were among the missing migrants.

It said two among the survivors were Palestinian women who carry Syrian-issued travel documents.

Dozens of migrants were on their way to Europe when it sank. Most were still missing.

At the same time, the family of Palestinian brothers Husain Ali Tayeh, born in 1999, and Mahmoud Alid Tayeh, born in 2001, have



appealed to international human rights organizations to work on identifying their sons' condition.

Both Husain and Mahmoud, raised in AlNeirab Camp for Palestinian refugees, in Aleppo, disappeared after the Europe-bound migrant boat sank off the southern Tunisian island of Kerkennah on May 25.

In the meantime, six Palestinian refugees from Syria have been detained along with other asylum seekers by Libyan authorities since May 25.

The asylum seekers were transferred to custody in the city of Zuwara in northwestern Libya. They were trying to reach Italy when they were arrested.

AGPS has been able to identify the six Palestinian refugees: Mohamed Afifa, Ali Nabulsi, Omar Kadurah, Osama Khatib, Mohamed Mustafa Mi'ari (born in 1992), and Jamil Mohamed.

Their families have urged the Palestinian Authority, the International Red Cross, and the other international human rights organizations to pressurize the Libyan authorities to immediately release their relatives.

Meanwhile, Iraqi-Palestinian refugee Amer Lutfi Mohamed AlQudsiya died under torture in Syrian regime prisons.

His family was updated about his death following the latest amnesty issued by the country's president Bashar AlAssad giving a general pardon to people convicted on terrorism charges before 30 April 2022. The amnesty excludes acts that have led to killings or



kidnappings, and those against whom there are civil personal claims.

The Association of Palestinians of Iraq said Amer, an Iraqi-Palestinian, was a resident of Loubiya Street, in Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian refugees, south of Damascus. He was arrested by the end of 2012 on his way out of Yarmouk along with scores of other residents who attempted to leave the besieged camp for fear of dying from starvation.

The Syrian regime claimed he died of a disease at the Military Hospital.

Thousands of Palestinians and Syrians have been jailed on terror charges for peaceful opposition to Assad's government since the 2011 Arab Spring protests and subsequent war.

The Prisoners' Council said the regime claimed 2,500 people would be included in the amnesty. However, no more than a few hundreds have been released so far.