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"4 Palestinian Refugee Doctors Forcibly Disappeared in War-Torn Syria"

- Residents of Ramadan Camp Denied Access to Healthcare Services
- Palestinian Refugees Denounce Manipulation of Aid Distribution in Deraa
- Child Psychological Support Event Held in Yarmouk Camp

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Latest Developments

Four Palestinian doctors have been enduring mysterious fates in Syrian prisons for over eight years running.

Palestinian medic Hayel Hamid has been forcibly disappeared since August 13, 2012. He was kidnapped from his clinic in Yarmouk Camp, south of Damascus, on charges of tending to wounded persons.

Hayel, born in 1948 in Dalata in occupied Palestine, worked as a professor at the Damascus Faculty of Medicine and assumed duties as head of the General Surgery Division at Al-Assad University Hospital. His condition and whereabouts have been shrouded in mystery.

Palestinian medic Alaa AlDeen Youssef has also been kept behind Syrian prison bars for the eighth consecutive year.

Neurosurgeon Youssef has been forcibly disappeared since December 25, 2012. He was kidnapped from a checkpoint pitched near the main entrance to Yarmouk Camp.

Palestinian refugee Nizar Jawdat Kassab has been secretly jailed in Syria for the ninth year running.

Nizar, a genitourinary surgeon, was arrested at a government checkpoint pitched near Yarmouk's entrance on December 16, 2012.



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At the same time, Mohamed Omar Abu AlNa'aj has been secretly imprisoned since mid-February 2013 while on his way to Lebanon to reunite with his wife and child.

Medical staff and structures in war-torn Syria came under heavy shelling by the government squads. Dozens of doctors, pharmacists, and paramedics have been pronounced dead while others have gone missing. A number of medics have reportedly been tortured to death on allegations of tending to the wounded and providing medical assistance to rival parties.

AGPS has kept record of serious violations against medics, paramedics, and ambulances by the different warring parties in Syria. Wounded civilians, expectant women, elderly people, and hundreds of humanitarian cases have faced severe difficulties trying to reach hospitals and medical centers.

AGPS reiterates its calls to the Syrian government and all other concerned parties to protect medics and paramedics carrying out humanitarian missions in tension-stricken zones.

Meanwhile, Residents of AlRamadan Camp for Palestinian refugees, in Rif Dimashq, continue to launch distress calls over the absence of healthcare services amid an unabated coronavirus outbreak.

The residents have called for increasing efforts to disinfect public amenities and provide them with protective equipment.



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Pharmacies and clinics have almost been inoperative in the camp. Civilians head for nearby towns to receive medical treatment.

Patients seeking cancer treatment, kidney wash services, or surgeries head for Damascus hospitals to receive medical therapy.

Founded in the 1950s following efforts made by UNRWA, AlRamdan Camp for Palestinian refugees is located some 50 kilometers away from southeastern Damascus. The nearest city to the camp—AlDameer city—is located at a distance of nine kilometers.

In another development, Palestinian refugees sheltered in Deraa city and its displacement camp have denounced UNRWA's aid distribution policy in the area.

Reporting from the southern Syrian city of Deraa, an AGPS news correspondent said long queues have been spotted outside of UNRWA distribution centres as civilians continue to line up in AlKashef neighborhood to receive humanitarian aid.

Registered refugees have denounced fraud and manipulation of the aid distribution process saying scores of them have not received aid items.

The residents further slammed drivers of public and private means of transportation for manipulating ticket prices.

They called on UNRWA to include all Palestinian refugee families in Deraa on the lists of humanitarian aid due to their abject condition.



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In the meantime, a party was held by Athar Foundation for children in Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian refugees.

Palestinian refugee children in Syria continue to walk past the debris of war everyday to reach their schools in nearby suburbs, enduring a scary journey that never ceases to remind them of the weight of displacement, hardship and the loss of loved ones.

Thousands of Palestine refugee children in Syria bear the scars of the Syrian war. Although cautious calm has replaced active war in Yarmouk, children still feel unsafe in the “ghost town”.

Before the crisis started in 2011, Yarmouk was a bustling home to almost 30 percent of the Palestine refugee population in Syria. Today, the weight of displacement, hardship and the loss of loved ones add to the difficult living conditions in Yarmouk.