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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"Palestinians from Syrian in Thailand Continue to Sound Distress Signals"

- Families of Victims of Enforced Disappearance Appeal for Information
- Palestinian Refugee Ibrahim Ahmed Secretly Held in Syrian Prison for 6th Year

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Latest Developments

Palestinian refugees from Syria trapped in Thailand have slammed the apathy maintained by the international community, the United Nations, the Palestine Liberation Organization, and the Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas over their unending cries for help.

The refugees said that over recent years, the Thai authorities have been treating them as lawbreakers rather than asylum seekers fleeing war-stricken zones. A number of refugees have been arrested after they overstayed their visas.



Dozens of Palestinian and Syrian refugees from Syria have been grappling with dire conditions in Thailand, according to testimonies by refugees from Bangkok. Dozens of refugees, among them women, children and elderly persons, have also been detained after their visas expired.

Refugee families in Thailand also risk to go forcibly deported after the Thai authorities issued a decision to tighten grip on refugees



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without legal residence permits. The measure has brought about serious fallouts on the Palestinian refugees who can neither return to their homeland nor head for another destination.

Over recent years, activists have raised alarm bells over the dire conditions of captivity in Thai detention centers, where dozens of migrants are crammed into cells that can barely accommodate a handful of persons.

The refugees continue to appeal for urgent humanitarian action and for serious measures in order to pressurize the Thai government to grant them safe asylum pending their return to their homeland—Palestine.

Meanwhile, the families of jailed Palestinian refugees and Syrian nationals appealed, in letters emailed to AGPS, to the United Nations and the concerned international bodies to urge the Syrian government to release all detainees and disclose their mysterious conditions and whereabouts.





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The appeals have been launched following controversial statements released by head of Syria's Military Intelligence Directorate, Major-General Muhammad Mahalla, during a visit he paid to Tafas city, in Daraa, where he told prisoners' families: "You should not forget those who were detained before 2013". Mahalla added that their situation is "very difficult" and that most of them have probably died in custody.

AGPS continues to appeal to the Syrian government to reveal the fate of hundreds of Palestinian prisoners who have been secretly locked up in state dungeons.

AGPS believes that the secret imprisonment of civilians amounts to a war crime.

Along the same line, Palestinian refugee Ibrahim Ahmed Yaseen has been enduring a mysterious fate in Syrian government jails for the sixth consecutive year.

A resident of AlRaml Camp for Palestinian refugees in Latakia, Ibrahim has been jailed since July 25, 2013.

AGPS documented the secret detention of 1,730 Palestinian refugees, including 108 women and girls, in Syrian state prisons.