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Latest Developments

An officer from the Palestine Liberation Army (PLA), affiliated with the Syrian government, was lightly wounded in an assassination attempt carried out by unidentified assailants.

An explosive device implanted inside the car of officer Haytham Azzam went off in Qutna town, in Rif Dimashq. The officer was transferred to a hospital for treatment.

Last week, The Palestine Liberation Army in Syria said it has been fighting alongside the Syrian government forces in Aleppo and Idlib, in northern Syria.



A live footage broadcast by Liwaa AlQuds brigade, also affiliated with the Syrian government, showed PLA fighters as being engaged in shootouts in AlZahraa region, in Aleppo. A PLA officer called Ali Jumuaa and who appeared in the footage confirmed the group's military involvement in the raging warfare.

AGPS found out that 278 Palestinian refugees fighting alongside PLA forces were pronounced dead since the outbreak of the conflict in the Syrian Arab Republic.



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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.

Scores of Palestinian youths have been forced to join pro-government battalions in Syria. 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.

In another development, maintenance works have been carried out in Handarat camp for Palestinian refugees, in Aleppo, in an attempt to repair the main water pump.

Mounds of debris have been cleared from the area pending the rehabilitation of the water network.



Palestinian refugees have been grappling with dire conditions in Handarat camp due to the lack of humanitarian assistance and life-saving services. The majority of families have been taking shelter in buildings rented at extremely steep costs in the poverty-stricken area.



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Heavy shelling on Handarat and bloody shootouts between the government forces and the opposition outfits led to the destruction of over 70% of buildings in the camp. The confrontations culminated in the government's takeover of the camp along with other zones in Aleppo and the displacement of its residents on April 27, 2013.

Meanwhile, Palestinian refugee Rabii Hasan has been detained by the Turkish authorities since February 14, 2020 after he was transferred by his friends to a hospital in Bursa to be treated for wounds he sustained in a fight that broke out at his workplace.

A relative of Rabii said the latter was taken to a hospital by his colleague who is a holder of the kimlik temporary protection card. As soon as Rabii recuperated his consciousness the hospital administration accused him of forgery and reached out to the police. The refugee was sent to a detention center in Bursa shortly after.

Rabii's family has appealed to the international human rights and humanitarian institutions to urge the Turkish authorities to release the refugee, provide him with psycho-physical protection, and prevent his forced deportation to Syria.

Unofficial statistics indicate that 8,000 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.



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In the meantime, the Palestine Children's Relief Fund (PCRF) announced the launch of a campaign aiming to provide free cold surgery to Palestinian and Syrian refugees in Lebanon aged below 18.

PCRF said it will contribute 2000 USD as part of surgery fees and will seek partners to shell out other required sums.

Applications are taken in from February to October 2020. A patient receives a reply over his/her demand two weeks after the application is submitted.

Nearly 28,000 Palestinian refugees from Syria have sought shelter in Lebanon, where they have been subjected to a precarious legal status and dire socio-economic conditions owing to their lack of access to vital services, particularly health care.

The United Nation has identified Palestinian refugees from Syria (PRS) in Lebanon as one of the most marginalized and poorest communities in the region.

In its 2020 Syria crisis emergency appeal, UNRWA said that PRS in Lebanon continue to face high vulnerability and marginalization, making them heavily reliant on UNRWA humanitarian support to cover their basic needs. The socio-economic hardships and unrest experienced by the country have compounded PRS' already dire living conditions.

According to a survey conducted by the American University of Beirut in 2015, nearly 90 percent of the PRS population in Lebanon live in poverty, including 9 per cent who are in extreme poverty and unable to meet even their most essential food requirements.



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PRS's vulnerability is further compounded by their precarious legal status. The lack of a valid legal status, often coupled with outdated civil registration documents, results in severely restricted freedom of movement for some PRS in Lebanon due to fear of arrest, detention or forced deportation.