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"8,700 Palestinian Families from Syria Facing Dire Conditions in Lebanon"

- **Palestinian Refugees Sound Alarm over Assassination Attempts in AlMuzeireeb**
- **Palestinian Sisters Secretly Held in Syrian State Jail for 6th Year**
- **124 Palestinian Residents of AlHusainiya Camp Pronounced Dead in Syria**

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Latest Developments

Nearly 8,700 Palestinian families who fled war-torn Syria to Lebanon continue to endure an abject situation due to their ambivalent legal status and dire socio-economic conditions in the country.

Palestinian refugees from Syria are reported to lack legal status in Lebanon. The absence of specific legislation addressing the unique situation of the Palestinians of Syria has made them vulnerable to marginalization within the Lebanese polity.



Palestinian refugees from Syria in Lebanon are also treated as foreigners rather than as asylum-seekers and are, thus, denied the right to renewed stays and subjected to forced deportation.

The price leap, steep rental fees, expensive education charges, and lack of access to the local labor market, along with the absence of relief aids, have made life unbearable for the Palestinian refugees in Lebanon.



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

Over 80 per cent of PRS cite UNRWA cash assistance as their main source of income; about 89 per cent of PRS live in poverty, while 95 per cent of PRS are food insecure, according to the UN agency.

Following a comprehensive verification exercise of PRS in Lebanon, conducted in July and August 2018, UNRWA verified the physical presence of 29,145 PRS (8,741 families) in the country, who are eligible for the Agency's emergency assistance. This indicates a gradual reduction of PRS in Lebanon, due to either onward movement or returns to Syria, while the pace of spontaneous and unassisted returns continues to vary. In 2019, it is expected that the country will host approximately 28,800 PRS (8,700 PRS families).

In another development, Palestinians taking shelter in AlMuzeireeb town expressed deep concern over the security situation in the area after reports have emerged on the assassination of the former opposition leader Moafaq AlGhazawi.





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Activists have accused pro-government militias in Syria of assassinating opposition affiliates south of Syria in violation of the reconciliation accords struck between the two sides.

A resident said dozens of assassination operations have targeted Palestinian refugees in the area, warning of the reemergence of such attempts.

AGPS documented the death of 395 Palestinian refugees in Daraa province, including 56 from AlMuzeireeb town, home to 8,500 Palestinian refugees.

Meanwhile, Palestinian sisters Hoda Mahmoud Khatib, born in 1975, and Samira Mahmoud Khatib, born in 1970, have been enduring mysterious fates in Syrian government prisons for the sixth year running.

The sisters, both residents of Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian refugees, south of Damascus, have been held behind Syria's prison bars since 2013.

Their family continues to appeal to the international human rights bodies, UNRWA, and the Palestine Embassy in Damascus to immediately step in and pressurize the Syrian authorities to disclose the sisters' condition and whereabouts.

AGPS kept record of the names of 1,750 Palestinians, including 107 women and girls, secretly incarcerated in Syrian state penitentiaries, where over 570 refugees also died under torture.



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Along the same line, 124 Palestinian refugees taking shelter in AlHusainiya Camp in Rif Dimashq have been pronounced dead in war-torn Syria, according to AGPS database.

The list includes 73 Palestinians who died under shelling, 12 who were tortured to death in Syrian detention centers, 33 who were fatally gunned down, four who were shot by snipers, and three others who were executed.

As many as 3,946 Palestinian refugees, including 478 women and girls, have been pronounced dead in the embattled Syrian territories.

