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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"Palestinian Refugee Mahmoud Khader Released by Syrian Security Forces"

- Real Estate Brokers Prevented from Manipulating Civilian Property in Yarmouk Camp
- Trash Mounds Piled Up in AlSayeda Zeinab Refugee Camp
- Residents of Khan Eshieh Camp Appeal for Internet Access
- Missing Palestinian Refugee Child Found in AlRamadan Camp

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Latest Developments

Palestinian nurse Mahmoud Khader was released by Syrian security forces in Deraa, south of Syria, hours after he was arrested at the Freedom Square.

Reporting from southern Syria, an AGPS news correspondent said a number of Deraa residents captured the Syrian security patrol in protest at the arbitrary arrest of the nurse. The latter was released hours later.

Mahmoud is the brother of Palestinian journalist Tareq who was killed in a government strike.

AGPS has documented the secret detention of 1,797 Palestinian refugees in state-run penal complexes across war-torn Syria, among them 110 women and girls.

AGPS also documented the death of over 550 Palestinian refugees under torture in Syrian government lock-ups, including women, children, and elderly civilians.

Affidavits by ex-detainees provided evidence on the involvement of Syrian government officers in harsh torture tactics, including electric shocks, heavy beating using whips and iron sticks, and sexual abuse against Palestinian detainees, in a flagrant violation of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, commonly known as the United Nations Convention against Torture (UNCAT).



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In another development, instructions have been released by officials in charge of Yarmouk file to stand on guard to real estate brokers who have been attempting to buy/sell homes, shops, and civilian property in Yarmouk Camp.

Over recent months, activists have warned against attempts by crooked real estate brokers to pressurize civilians to sell their homes and properties following the widely-condemned reconstruction plan proposed by Damascus Governorate.

Real estate dealers have reportedly established limited-liability contracting companies to buy real estate from the residents at extremely cheap prices. Civilians who have lost their property ownership documents have particularly come under simmering pressure.

Meanwhile, residents of AlSayeda Zeinab Camp for Palestinian refugees, in Rif Dimashq, have voiced deep concern over the health hazards inflicted by the trash mounds piled up across residential alleyways and the standing wastewater flooding the main access roads.

The residents said garbage piles have resulted in bad smells and the spread of life-threatening diseases and rodents.

Photos circulated on social media network Facebook showed standing wastewater and mounds of trash in the Ghurba neighborhood.



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Civilians have appealed to the concerned authorities to take immediate action in order to clear garbage.

All the way through the ten-year Syrian conflict, Palestinians taking refuge in AlSayeda Zeinab camp have been grappling with dire conditions. High unemployment rates and the absence of relief assistance by UNRWA and other humanitarian institutions have made survival quite difficult in the area.

Along similar lines, residents of Khan Eshieh camp, in Rif Dimashq province, continue to appeal for internet access portals and a telephone exchange system (interconnection).

The General Authority for Palestinian Arab Refugees (GAPAR) has appealed to the concerned authorities to provide internet access to the residents, particularly university students.

In the meantime, Palestinian child Mohamed Ismail AlSalati, aged 12, was found a few days after he disappeared from AlRamadan refugee camp, in Rif Dimashq.

More than 330 Palestinian refugees from Syria, including 37 women and girls, have gone missing since the outbreak of the Syrian warfare, AGPS has found out.

Most of those who have disappeared in the country are residents of Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian refugees, south of Damascus.