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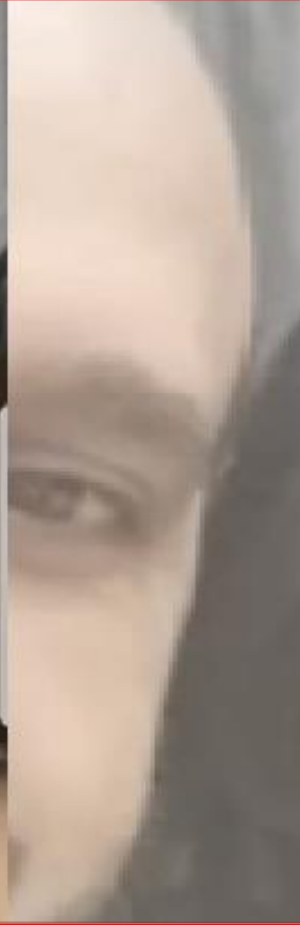
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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"Palestinian Families Appeal for Information about Missing Relatives off Greek Coasts"

- Palestinian Refugee Dies of Injured Inflicted by Blast in Syria Displacement Camp
- Japan Donates \$28.95 Million Aid for Refugees in Syria
- Resident of Deraa Refugee Camp Wins Karate Championship

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Latest Developments

Palestinian refugee Iyad Baker has died of wounds he sustained on Monday after an explosive device went off outside of his house in AlMuzeireeb town, in Deraa, south of Syria.

The explosive device was implanted by unidentified persons. Iyad Baker, known as Abu Hasan sustained serious wounds.

In another development, Palestinian refugee families continue to appeal for information about the condition and whereabouts of their relatives who have gone missing on Friday, December 24, after a boat capsized of a Greek island.

The list of missing migrants includes Palestinian refugee Hayan Sawan, born on September 9, 1976. Search operations continue to identify the condition of dozens of other Palestinian refugees who have disappeared.

At least 16 people have died after their boat overturned off the Greek island of Paros in the central Aegean Sea in the third maritime disaster involving migrants this week.

Between 21 and 25 December 2021, the Alarm Phone has been alerted to three deadly shipwrecks in the Aegean. At the same time the Hellenic Coast Guard continues its violent pushback regime.

In the evening of 21 December 2021, the Alarm Phone was informed about a boat in distress in the Aegean Sea (AP914). A



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relative said that there were around 60 people on board, that water was entering the boat and that the boat was sinking. According to information received by the Hellenic Coast Guard, 13 people were rescued, one of them after surviving 24 hours in the water.

A day later, on the early evening of 23 December, relatives informed the Alarm Phone about a group of people stranded on a small rocky islet near the Greek island Antikythera (AP925). At the time, media had already reported at least four dead passengers. Between 90 people were stuck on the islet and had to spend the night there.

On 24 December, the Hellenic Coast Guard confirmed that 90 people were rescued off the islet – according to information at that time, 11 dead bodies were found. In a video of the rescue operation, one could see the rest of the sunken vessel. Equally visible on the video were orange life rafts to transport people from the islet to the vessel of the Hellenic Coast Guard. The same life rafts are usually used in brutal pushback operations that leave people adrift at sea – a practice used by the very same Hellenic Coast Guard. Up until now, it is reported that 90 people (among them 52 men, 11 women and 27 children) have been rescued. 11 people lost their lives.

Human rights groups said these deaths could have been prevented by a more immediate reaction of the responsible authorities.

The Alarm Phone said dozens of people have died on the Aegean route despite being close to shores. Such tragedies are the direct result of the violent pushback regime put into practice by the Greek government and in the name of the EU. All three ships that sank



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were on their way from Turkey to Italy. This very long and dangerous route is increasingly taken by more and more people. They often sail in boats, which they cannot properly steer, and get into serious distress.

Meanwhile, the Government of Japan has decided to extend Emergency Grant Aid of 28.95 million US dollars for vulnerable Palestinian refugees and internally displaced people, facing humanitarian crisis in Syria and neighboring countries.

This will provide humanitarian assistance such as provision of winter clothing kits, package of house repairs, food, and safe water, as well as assistance in the areas of health and hygiene, through the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the World Food Programme (WFP), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA).

"Japan will continue to work closely with the international community toward the settlement of Syrian crisis through improving the humanitarian situation in Syria and advancing the UN-facilitated political process," the Japanese Foreign Ministry said in a press release on Friday.

The expected outcome of this assistance is as follows: Provision of food to approximately 320,000 people; Protection service of internally displaced persons and refugees, such as provision of a package of house repairs, to approximately 810,000 people; Provision of health services, safe water, blankets and winter clothes as well as repair of drainage networks for the sake of



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approximately 190,000 women and children; Provision of heating fuel and medical services to approximately 600,000 people.

In the meantime, Palestinian refugee Abdul Rahman Husain has won the first place in the karate championship (35 kg) held by the Palestinian Sports Federation in cooperation with Ghassan Kanafani Club in Syria.

Raised in Jaramana camp for Palestinian refugees, in Rif Dimashq, Abdul Rahman also won the second place in the kata tournament held as part of the competition.

Hundreds of displaced Palestinian refugees in/from Syria have achieved success stories, despite the traumatic upshots wrought by the daily scenes of bloodshed and destruction across the embattled Syrian territories.

This includes scores of refugee students who have obtained the highest scores at their academic institutions; hundreds of refugee sportsmen/sportswomen who snatched the first places in regional and international competitions; dozens of artists who received renowned literary awards for their products and performances; and several housewives who turned trauma into a space of creativity.