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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



**"Situation of Palestinians North of Syria Exacerbated by Caesar Act Sanctions"**

- Palestinian Refugee Tortured to Death in Syrian Gov't Prisons
- Palestinians from Syria Rally Outside of UNRWA Office in Burj AlBarajneh
- Disinfectants Distributed in Palestinian Refugee Camp in Syria
- Germany to restart 'Dublin transfers'

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## **Victims**

Palestinian refugee Ahmad Husain AlSalibi has died under torture in Syrian government prisons where he has been held for nearly six years.

AlSalibi, a resident of AlSabina camp for Palestinian refugees, in Rif Dimashq, was arrested on December 25, 2014.

AGPS has documented the death of 620 Palestinian refugees under torture in Syria's state-run penal complexes.

## **Latest developments**

Displaced Palestinian families in northern Syria continue to struggle for survival due to the high rates of unemployment and absence of humanitarian assistance.

The situation has been exacerbated by the sanctions implemented by the US as part of the so-called "Caesar Act" targeting anyone doing business with the Assad regime, including in opposition-held zones.

The Trump administration on Wednesday ramped up pressure on Syrian President Bashar al-Assad and his inner circle with a load of new economic and travel sanctions for human rights abuses. The penalties also target non-Syrians who do business with them.

The sanctions are the result of legislation known as the Caesar Syria Civilian Protection Act, named after the pseudonym of a Syrian who worked with the military police and turned over



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photographs of thousands of victims of torture by al-Assad's government.

The implementation of the sanctions has led to a further deterioration of the exchange rate of the Syrian pound, resulting in a worse economic situation for vulnerable families whose sole sources of income have been already affected by the bloody warfare.

Nine years into the deadly conflict, the majority of Palestinian refugees continue to live below the poverty line in northern Syria and are food insecure.

In another development, the Palestinian red crescent in cooperation with the Danish Red Cross distributed on June 17 detergents and disinfectants to the residents of Khan Dannun camp for Palestinian refugees in Rif Dimashq. The move makes parts of ongoing measure to help curtail the spread of coronavirus.

The same time, a number of activists sprayed disinfectants across residential neighborhoods.

Over the past few years, the situation in Khan Dannun Camp has been characterized by severe economic hardships inflicted by the nine-year warfare in Syria. The situation is made worse by the high rates of unemployment and the lack of access to the local labor market along with the absence of humanitarian assistance and the lockdown measures imposed as part of anti- coronavirus responses.





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Meanwhile, dozens of Palestine refugees from Syria have urged the United Nations relief and works Agency for Palestine refugees in the near East (UNRWA) to take up its responsibilities towards vulnerable families. In Lebanon.

This came in a rally staged on Wednesday, June 17, 2020 outside of UNRWA's office in Burj AlBarajneh refugee camp in Beirut urging the agency to deliver monthly cash grants for Palestine refugees by 15th of every month and to opt for transparent and unbiased distribution mechanisms.

Over recent weeks the refugees have protested the mistreatment they have been subjected to outside of the Bob finance bank. They further called for transferring their cash aid in US dollars.

Dozens of Palestinians taken refugees have joined the rally. Representatives of Palestinian political factions and popular committees have also been in attendance.

Some 27,000 Palestinian refugees in Lebanon have been enduring an abject humanitarian situation due to their lack of access to the local labor market and the absence of Relief assistance.

In the meantime, Germany said it is ready to begin sending asylum seekers who have already applied for asylum in another EU country back to those countries to complete the process.

The so-called 'Dublin transfers' were paused towards the end of March due to the coronavirus pandemic.



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Germany's Interior Ministry told the German press agency dpa that it would be starting to transfer asylum seekers from Germany who had already started their asylum process in another EU state.

Germany, like many other EU states, lifted custom controls and some flight restrictions on June 15.

That is, providing, there is no new rise in infections in any country, the statement added. The so-called "Dublin transfers" will begin with Germany's neighboring countries, with which it shares a border.

Later, said the dpa report, Germany will start chartering flights too. Any transfers will of course take place after controls to prevent any further spread of coronavirus, said the interior ministry paper, according to dpa.

Anyone showing symptoms of coronavirus or COVID-19 will of course stay in Germany until they are no longer infectious.

The director of the pro-asylum group Pro-Asyl, Günter Burkhardt, said that the German government wasn't being completely transparent about information they were releasing about the restart. He said that it was clear that eventually Germany would intend to fly people back to Italy and Greece, where most migrants and asylum seekers first enter the EU.



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"In Italy, even before corona there were problems facing those who were sent back. Lots of them face homelessness for instance," Burkhardt told dpa. He said he feared that the coronavirus restrictions which hit Italy particularly hard would only make this situation more devastating for migrants and asylum seekers sent back there.