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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



### "Palestinians from Syria Shorn of Basic Rights in Egypt"

- Homes Flooded by Rain Downpours in Syria's AlSabina Camp for Palestine Refugees
- 8 Palestinian Residents of Rukn Aldeen Community Killed in War-Torn Syria
- Palestinian Refugee Ubaida Alyan Secretly Jailed in Syria for 5th Year

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## Latest Developments

Palestinian refugees who fled war-torn Syria have been subjected to a fragile legal status in Egypt, where they are treated as foreigners rather than asylum-seekers fleeing war-stricken zones.

Palestinians from Syria in Egypt have been denied the right to legal visas, refugee documents, safe accommodation, basic services, and relief assistance.

Those who illegally entered Egypt via the Sudanese borders have been denied the right to free movement, education, and labor, among other basic necessities. Unlike Syrian nationals, who are granted safe asylum in Egypt and systematically assisted by the UNHCR, Palestinian refugees are left on their own.



Palestinian children from Syria have also been denied easy access to education facilities in Egypt. The refugees receive basic and secondary school education at government-run schools after a formal consent is issued to that end by the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labor and the Ministry of Education.



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Unlike Syrian nationals, who have been exempted from paying education charges, Palestinian refugees are compelled to pay in dollars given their “tourist” status.

At the same time, the number of Palestinians who fled war-torn Syria to Egypt has dramatically shrunk back over the past three years.

AGPS data indicates that the number of Palestinian refugees from Syria in Egypt in 2018 was estimated at 3,500, down from over 6,000 in recent years. Some 500 refugees illegally entered Egypt through Sudan.

AGPS continues to stress the need to secure the rights of the Palestinians from Syria in Egypt, who fall outside of UNRWA’s fields of operations, to legal and physical protection, as per the Refugee Convention of 1951, and to hand them over cash and in-kind aids, along with refugee cards, in order to enhance their legal status in the Egyptian territories.

Along similar lines, displaced Palestinian families in AlSabina refugee camp, in Damascus, have voiced deep concerns over the upshots of the heavy rains that swamped residential neighborhoods in an area that has been grappling with poor infrastructure and hackneyed sanitation networks.

Pictures and videos circulated on social media show dozens of homes and residential alleyways as being swamped by rain deluges and wastewater.



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Speaking with AGPS, a resident said local authorities have turned deaf ears to civilians' frequent appeals to work on enhancing infrastructure and repairing sanitation networks.



Living conditions in AlSabina have sharply deteriorated due to the lack of financial resources and high unemployment rates wrought by the raging warfare. A chronic water crisis has added bad to worse.

After eight years of conflict, Palestine refugees continue to be one of the most vulnerable groups in Syria with immense humanitarian needs. Hundreds of displaced Palestinian families continue to launch cries for help as a freezing winter season has enveloped the region.

Meanwhile, eight Palestinian refugees from Rukn AlDeen community, in Damascus, were pronounced dead since the outbreak of the conflict in Syria.

The list of victims includes four Palestinian refugees who were tortured to death in jail.

Prior to the outbreak of the Syrian warfare, some 25,000 Palestinian refugees used to take shelter in Rukn AlDeen neighborhood.



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In the meantime, Palestinian refugee Ubaida Alyan, aged 24, has been enduring a mysterious fate in Syrian government lock-ups.

Alyan was kidnapped by the government troops stationed in AlZahira, in Damascus, on March 31, 2014.

AGPS kept record of the names of 1,770 Palestinians secretly incarcerated in Syria's state-run penitentiaries, where dozens of other refugees also died under torture.

