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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"Meeting Held in Istanbul to Discuss Situation of Palestinians of Syria"

- Palestinian Refugee Released after 8 Years in Syrian Jails
- Palestinian Refugee Ahmed AlAmad Forcibly Disappeared in Syria
- Relief Items Distributed to Palestinians from Syria in Lebanon
- Orphan Allowances Handed Over to Palestinian Children from Syria in Lebanon

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Latest Developments

The Palestinian Investor Union, in cooperation with the Palestinian community in Turkey, convened on Monday a meeting in Istanbul to discuss the situation of Palestinian refugees from Syria in Turkey.

The meeting underscored the economic hardship and legal hurdles faced by Palestinians from Syria in Turkey, including obstacles in obtaining the Turkish Kimlik visa card, gaining access to the local labor market, and receiving vital services, including education, healthcare, and housing.



Representatives of the Palestinian refugee community stressed the need to reach out to the Turkish authorities, the Palestine Embassy, and all other concerned parties to enhance the situation of Palestinian refugees in Istanbul and take all necessary measures to work out their legal situation.

In another development, Palestinian refugee Essam Zuheir AlRdeif, a resident of Daraa camp, south of Syria, was released on Monday following eight years in the Sednaya military prison, in Damascus.



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Updated statistics by AGPS indicate that 1,780 Palestinian refugees have been secretly held behind Syria's prison bars, among them 109 women and girls along with dozens of minors.

AGPS documented the death of 616 Palestinian refugees under torture in Syrian government prisons since the outburst of the bloody warfare.

Field reporters believe the real numbers to be far higher due to the government's reticence to reveal the names and fates of Palestinian captives and the families' fears to disclose their relatives' names over retaliation concerns.

Along similar lines, Palestinian refugee Ahmed Shahada AlAmad, born in 1968, has been enduring a mysterious fate in Syrian government prisons.

Ahmed, a resident of Yarmouk refugee camp, was kidnapped from AlZahira neighborhood in Damascus on June 6, 2014.

His family continues to appeal for information over his condition and whereabouts.





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Meanwhile, Sahabat AlAqsa Foundation distributed blankets to some 100 displaced Palestinian families from Syria in Lebanon.

Over 470,000 refugees are registered with UNRWA in Lebanon. About 45 per cent of them live in the country's 12 refugee camps. Conditions in the camps are dire and characterized by overcrowding, poor housing conditions, unemployment, poverty and lack of access to justice.

Palestinians in Lebanon do not enjoy several important rights; for example, they cannot work in many professions and cannot own property (real estate). Because they are not formally citizens of another state, Palestine refugees are unable to claim the same rights as other foreigners living and working in Lebanon.

At the same time, AlSaraa Association, in cooperation with Sahabat AlAqsa Foundation and Helwan Association, handed over orphan allowances to 150 Palestinian children from Syria in Lebanon. The sum covers cash aid for November and December 2019.



Some 28,000 Palestinian refugees from Syria seeking shelter in Lebanon have been subjected to dire socio-economic conditions and a precarious legal status as the Lebanese authorities continue to rebuff their appeals for legal visas and access to the local labor market.