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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



**"Following Escalation by Syria Regime, Tension Running High in Deraa Camp for Palestinian Refugees"**

- Palestinian Refugee Arrested in Turkey
- Vulnerable Palestinian Refugees Lash Out at Relief Institutions in Lebanon
- Palestinian Refugee Student Ranked on Top of List in Baccalaureate Exams

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## Latest Developments

Missiles and artillery shelled by the Syrian regime on Deraa province, south of Syria, slammed into the outskirts of the city's Palestinian refugee camp, resulting in panic and simmering tension.

In an unprecedented development in Syria's decade-long war, Deraa al-Balad and its surrounds, a district of Deraa city in the southern province of the same name, was targeted with heavy weaponry in tandem with a ground push on three axes from two Syrian army divisions and allied Iran-backed militias early on Thursday morning, in a large offensive which continued throughout the day.

In response to the shelling, opposition gunmen launched counterattacks across the Deraa countryside, killing at least eight pro-regime fighters and capturing dozens of combatants at several military positions and checkpoints, local sources said.

At least four civilians in shelled areas have been killed, according to residents, and large numbers of people have begun to try to flee. There are no medical facilities in the targeted areas.

In another development, Palestinian refugee Tareq Kasem was arrested by Turkish police in Esenyurt city, in Istanbul after he failed to obtain the temporary protection card known as "kimlik".



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Tareq who was displaced from Syria's Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian refugees, in Damascus, has called for urgent action by the international humanitarian and human rights institutions in order to pressurize the Turkish authorities to work out his legal condition and grant him humanitarian asylum.

Nearly 2,400 Palestinian families from Syria have sought shelter in Turkey, including 1,200 families in Istanbul, where they have been facing an abject situation.

Khayra Ummah organization estimated that 400 Palestinian families from Syria without kimlik visas have been taking refuge in Turkey, including 300 families in Istanbul.

Meanwhile, Palestinian refugees have slammed a number of relief institutions in Lebanon for collecting data on the refugees in order to garner more funds, saying neither in-kind items nor cash aid has been provided to the refugees, particularly those displaced from war-torn Syria.

An activist said the Norwegian Refugee Council collected data on Palestinian refugees and promised to provide them with house rents. However, none of such pledges have seen the day.

At the same time MPA organization took down the refugees' phone numbers from UNRWA archives before they handed over the refugees vitamin pills that cost no more than 2 USD.



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Similarly, Save the Children International has failed to assist the refugees while it continues to garner pieces of information about them.

In its fact sheet entitled “Syria Regional Crisis Emergency Appeal 2021”, UNRWA said Palestinian refugees from Syria (PRS) in Lebanon are grappling with increased hardship and vulnerability, due to long-term displacement and difficult socio-economic conditions, coupled with the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic,

According to UNRWA, 87% of PRS live in poverty in the Lebanese territories.

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.

In the meantime, Palestinian student Omar Samer Dakour has earned the second highest score in Baccalaureate exams (scientific branch).



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Omar, born in 2003 in Aleppo, obtained a score of 239/240.

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.