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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"Palestinian Refugee from Syria Stranded at Istanbul Airport, Threatened with Refoulement"

- 17 Palestinian Refugees Detained on Way to Turkey
- Over 50 Families Present Ownership Proofs to Return to Palestinian Refugee Camp of Yarmouk
- UNRWA Provides Telemedicine Services for Palestine Refugees in Syria
- Palestinian Refugee Mahmoud Yousef Secretly Jailed in Syria for 7th Year

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Latest Developments

Palestinian refugee from Syria Samir Hasan Mohamed Aboud, born in 1970 and raised in Syria's Yarmouk Camp, has been detained at the new Istanbul International Airport after he attempted to enter Turkey, fleeing economic hardship and persecution in Lebanon.

Samir holds a Palestinian-Authority-stamped passport.

His mother has appealed to the Turkish authorities, Palestinian embassy in Istanbul, and international human rights organizations to pressurize the concerned authorities to release Samir and grant him humanitarian asylum in the Turkish territories.

Along similar lines, the Syrian security forces arrested 17 Palestinian refugees in northern Syria as they attempted to illegally enter the Turkish borders.

The refugees fled AlSayeda Zeinab camp for Palestinian refugees, in Rif Dimashq, as they attempted to reach Turkey through borderlands in northern Syria before they were arrested on Aleppo highway.

The list of arrestees includes seven members of a same family. They were all transferred to the Palestine Security Branch. No information has been revealed as to their condition and whereabouts.

In another development, some 50 Palestinian families presented their ownership documents at a government checkpoint near the



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main entrance to Street 30 in Yarmouk Camp so as to get permits to return to the camp and retrieve their houses and property.

Entry permits are reportedly issued 30 days after the documents are received by the Syrian security forces.

Palestinian families continue to call on the concerned authorities to allow them a safe return to their homes in Yarmouk and to press ahead with reconstruction projects.

A number of activists have also warned of ongoing attempts to alter the demographic character of the camp and blur its identity as a living witness to the Palestinian refugee plight.

Unofficial statistics indicate that some 200 families have remained in Yarmouk Camp. Scores of stranded families fled the camp following the 33-day military operation launched by the government forces on April 19, 2018. The Syrian government forces regained control over the area and southern Damascus towns following the operation. Dozens of civilians were killed and dozens more injured in the offensive. Over 60% of buildings in Yarmouk have gone either totally or partially destroyed.

Last year, the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) published the results of an assessment of the damage to Syrian cities caused by seven years of relentless bombardment by the incumbent regime and its allies since 2011.

The analysis found out that as many as 5,489 buildings were destroyed in Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian refugees. The damage



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atlas used satellite-detected damage analysis to identify buildings that are either destroyed, or severely or moderately damaged.

In the meantime, UNRWA has activated its telemedicine services at its health centers across the embattled Syrian territories.

UNRWA health care services encompass home-delivery of medicines for patients with non-communicable diseases to refugees' doorstep and activation of hotlines to respond to beneficiaries' inquiries.

In another development, Palestinian refugee Mahmoud Omar Yousef, born in 1993, has been enduring a mysterious fate in Syrian state jails, where he has been incarcerated for the 7th consecutive year.

Mahmoud was arrested by Syrian government forces in mid-August 2013 in Bahdaliya, in Rif Dimashq.

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

AGPS has documented the secret detention of 1,797 Palestinian refugees in Syria's state-run prisons, among them 110 women.