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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"178 Palestinian Residents of Yarmouk Camp Missing in War-Torn Syria"

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Latest Developments

178 Palestinian residents of Yarmouk Camp, in Damascus, have gone missing in Syria since the outburst of the conflict.

Updated data by AGPS indicates that 331 Palestinian refugees, including 37 women and girls, have gone missing since the outbreak of the Syrian warfare.

Several other Palestinians have been enduring mysterious fates in Syrian government penitentiaries, according to testimonies by ex-prisoners.

Activists have accused pro-government militias of targeting Palestinians in arbitrary abduction sweeps carried out under the security guise. Scores of families have been blackmailed over the release of their missing relatives and have paid large sums of money to brokers, crooked lawyers, or government officials to get pieces of information about their conditions and whereabouts.



AGPS believes that the number is far higher due to the gag orders enforced by the Syrian regime on the detainees' fates and names, along with the reluctance of the refugee families to reveal the names of their deceased or missing relatives for fear of retaliation.



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Meanwhile, 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.

After eight years of conflict, Palestine refugees continue to be one of the most vulnerable groups in Syria with immense humanitarian needs. The conflict has caused immense suffering and trauma over the past years.

In another development, representatives of AlSabina town and its refugee camp visited on Monday the office of the Electricity Ministry in Damascus and updated Syrian officials on the frequent power outages rocking the area.

Engineer Nidhal Karmousha vowed to take the necessary steps in order to push for rehabilitating the power network in AlSabina, installing electricity meters for local homes as soon as they are available, and setting up 10 new electrical power-feeding transmission centers in and around AlSabina refugee camp at the soonest possible time.

Located some 14 kilometers away from southern Damascus, AlSabina Camp has been gripped with an abject situation owing to



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the absence of humanitarian assistance, relief aids, proper infrastructure, and vital facilities. Frequent water and power outages have made the situation far worse.

In the meantime, the Turkish Coast Guard arrested on Sunday 107 irregular immigrants in the Turkish Aegean province of Aydin as they attempted to illegally disembark on Greek islands.

Turkish Coast Guard also intercepted a rubber boat carrying 31 migrants onboard in Kuşadası resort town on Turkey's Aegean coast, including 26 Syrians and four Palestinians.

The Turkish Coast Guard said that 38 of the arrested migrants are Syrian nationals and 26 are Afghans. The list also includes 12 Palestinian refugees.



Over recent years, the Aegean coast has served as a launch-off destination for thousands of illegal migrants wishing to disembark in Greece, fleeing Turkey and nearby conflict zones.

An agreement between Turkey and Greece to tighten grip on refugees from Syria trying to creep into the Greek territories via the Turkish borders has made the situation far worse.



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Palestinian refugees from Syria continue to risk their lives onboard the “death boats” to Greece, rummaging around for a momentary respite from the daily scenes of bloodshed and destruction.

AGPS has kept record of the death of dozens of refugees onboard Greece-bound ships. Several others have been arrested by Turkish coast guards near the borders.

Activists estimate that around 4,000 Palestinian refugees from Syria are taking cover in such Greek islands as Lesbos, Mytilene, Chios, Leros, and Kos, among other areas in Greece.

Meanwhile, the Palestinians of Syria Commission for Relief and Development handed over fuel supplies to 188 Palestinian families displaced from Yarmouk and Khan Eshieh refugee camps to the northern Syrian province of Idlib.

The move makes part of the “Be Their Warmth” campaign kick-started in early 2019.

Hundreds of displaced Palestinian families taking refuge in northern Syria continue to raise concerns over their fate as a freezing winter season has gripped the region.





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The families continue to lash out at the apathy maintained by UNRWA, the Palestinian Authority, the Palestine Liberation Organization, and all other local and international bodies regarding their tragic situation.

Palestinian refugees sheltered in Idlib, AlMuhammadiya Camp, and Deir Ballout Camp, in northern Syria have been enduring a tragic situation. Most of them have been crammed in poorly-equipped tents and denied access to vital services.