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Latest Developments

AGPS has launched a new project entitled “A Story from the Camp” which seeks to document and publish written and audio testimonies from Palestinian refugee camps in Syria.

The stories will narrate the situation of Palestinian refugees all the way through Syria’s ten-year hostilities and their impact on Palestinians sheltered in displacement camps across the war-torn country.

Every testimony will comprise two episodes.

In another development, Palestinian refugee Ghazi Hasan, from AlNeirab Camp, in Aleppo, has died of coronavirus.

Over recent days, three residents of the camp tested positive for the virus, including two elderly people. One of them is in a critical condition. A UNRWA paramedic also sustained the disease.

15 Palestinian refugees sheltered in AlNeirab camp, in Aleppo, have died of coronavirus since the outbreak of the pandemic, according to medical sources.

The source told AGPS that nearly 700 other people have also tested positive for the highly-contagious disease.

Only 49 cases conducted PCR tests at a UNRWA clinic in the camp. Efforts have been ongoing to provide the residents with vaccine doses.



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A state of emergency had been declared a few months ago by medics in AlNeirab Camp for Palestinian refugees after a number of students tested positive for coronavirus.

Meanwhile, the family of Palestinian refugee Mootaz Mohamed Baker, a resident of AlAyedeen Camp in Hums, continues to appeal for information over their son's condition and whereabouts.

Baker, born in 1978, was kidnapped by the Syrian government forces on January 9, 2013, on his way back to the camp. He is a taxi driver.

AGPS has kept record of the secret incarceration of over 1,790 Palestinians in Syrian government prisons, among them 110 women and girls.

In the meantime, UNRWA, in cooperation with the General Authority for Palestinian Arab Refugees (GAPAR) distributed on June 3 food baskets to vulnerable families in Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian refugees, south of Damascus.

Mounds of debris continue to be spotted everywhere across the ravaged Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian refugees, which has come under heavy shelling all the way through Syria's ten-year conflict.

Some three years ago, precisely on April 19, 2018, Syrian regime forces and their Russian allies showered the camp with missiles and mortars, resulting in dozens of deaths among Palestinian refugees and hundreds of injuries.



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Over 60% of buildings and facilities in Yarmouk Camp have been reduced to rubble and civilian homes razed to the ground.

The unabated warfare has had disastrous fallouts on Palestinian refugee camps across the Syrian territories. Palestinians who remained in Yarmouk or returned to the camp sometime later have been struggling for survival, in an area that has been severely affected by the deadly hostilities.

Over recent years, most of Yarmouk's families have lived on sporadic aid handed over to them by UNRWA.

Civilians continue to appeal to the concerned authorities to speed up reconstruction works and rehabilitate infrastructure and vital facilities.

Entering its 10th year, the Syrian warfare has had disastrous fallouts on Yarmouk Camp and other displacement camps set up across the ravaged country. In 2014, the Syrian regime cut off water in the camp, leaving hundreds of families at the risk of death.

Before the crisis started in 2011, Yarmouk was a bustling home to almost 30 percent of the Palestine refugee population in Syria. Today, the weight of displacement, hardship and the loss of loved ones add to the difficult living conditions in Yarmouk.

Along similar lines, Turkey on Monday rescued 74 asylum seekers in the Aegean Sea after they were pushed back by the Greek coastal authorities into Turkish territorial waters, a security official said.



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A total of 42 asylum seekers were rescued from rubber boats by the Turkish Coast Guard off the coast of Cesme district in western Izmir province, said the official on condition of anonymity due to restrictions on speaking to the media.

Separately, 32 asylum seekers in a life boat, who were pushed back by Greek authorities, were brought ashore by the Turkish Coast Guard Command.

After routine checks, they were referred to the provincial migration authority.

Turkey has repeatedly condemned Greece's illegal practice of pushing back asylum seekers, saying it violates humanitarian values and international law by endangering the lives of vulnerable migrants, including women and children.

Turkey has been a key transit point for asylum seekers aiming to cross into Europe to start new lives, especially those fleeing war and persecution.