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Latest Developments

Over recent months, AGPS has received several reports about the detention of over 50 residents of AlNeirab Camp for Palestinian refugees, in the northern Syrian province of Aleppo, by Liwaa AlQuds armed group, affiliated with the Syrian regime.

Any Palestinian refugee suspected of being involved in anti-regime protests or holding an anti-regime position is systematically arrested.

Commander Adnan ASayed reportedly allocated two rooms in his private farm in AlNeirab Camp to imprison arrestees. Similar accusations have been leveled at commander Mohamed AlSa'id, whose farm has been turned into a secret prison.

A number of Palestinian refugee families have been blackmailed by Liwaa AlQuds brigade affiliated with the Syrian regime, as they appealed for the release of their relatives who have been arbitrarily arrested by the militia.

Palestinian refugees have been charged with counterfeit accusations, including drug trafficking, sexual abuse, and affiliations with rival parties in order to force their families to pay large sums of money to avoid fatal torture and long prison-terms.

Over recent years, members of Liwaa AlQuds armed group have also been accused of running a network for drug trafficking in AlNeirab displacement camp and adjacent areas.

Drug distribution is often carried out by children aged below 18 and members of cash-strapped and vulnerable families who are exploited by illicit drug trafficking networks which are subject to drug prohibition laws.

Along similar lines, Syrian security services arrested two Palestinian refugees, Ahmed Nazih Faour, born in 1987, and Muhammad Ahmed Ali, born in 1990, from Handarat camp in Aleppo, on charges of using hard currency and transferring money.



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Two weeks earlier, the Syrian authorities arrested Ahmed Nazih Faour on charges of illegal transfer of money. He was sentenced to seven years in prison.

Meanwhile, the family of the Palestinian-Syrian refugee Muhammad Ali Abu Rayhan, born in 1989 and raised in Yarmouk camp, appealed to international humanitarian and human rights organizations to urge the Syrian authorities to reveal information about the condition and whereabouts of their relative.

The family said that their son has been missing since 2013. He disappeared near the industrial zone in Damascus. His condition remains unknown.

Unverified reports said Muhammed is being secretly held in the regime's Sednaya military prison.

In the meantime, some 30 Palestinian families displaced from Yarmouk Camp, AlTadhamun neighborhood, and AlGhouta, in Damascus, continue to sound distress signals over the dire humanitarian situation they have been enduring in AlJazeera Camp, in Atama, in Idlib, near the Turkish borders.

The situation has been characterized by an acute dearth in financial resources, relief aid, and vital services. The residents said no initiatives have been launched by the Palestinian Authority and UNRWA, among other concerned institutions, to assuage the crisis.

The displaced families lashed out at URNWA over its apathy regarding their appeals for much-needed financial and in-kind aid, saying they have been unrecognized by the UN agency though they hold a white registration card.

The families called on the international community to pressurize UNRWA to live up to its mandate and work on providing the refugees' with the legal, moral, and physical protection which they are quite urgently in need of.