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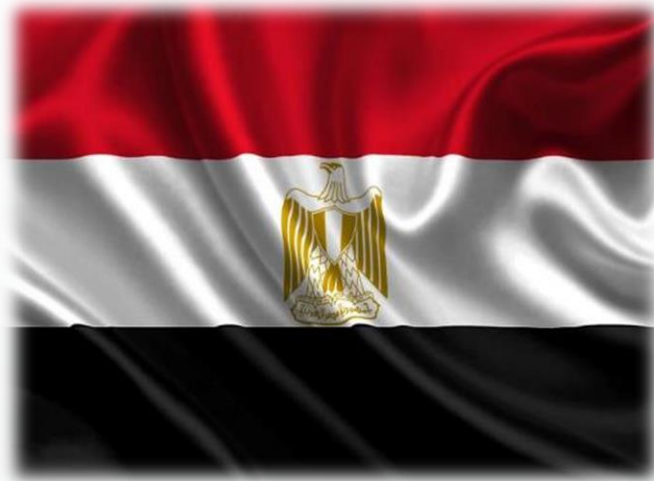
Latest Developments

Two Palestinian families from Syria have been held in Egyptian custody for the second month over allegations of illegal entry into the country from Sudan.

According to Palestinian activities, the list of arrestees includes 12 persons, among them children and an elderly woman, along with Palestinian Syrian migrants. They were all arrested on the Egyptian-Sudanese borders.

Palestinian refugees who fled war-torn Syria have been subjected to a fragile legal status in Egypt, where they are treated as foreigners rather than asylum-seekers fleeing war-stricken zones.

Palestinians from Syria in Egypt have been denied the right to legal visas, refugee documents, safe accommodation, basic services, and relief assistance.



Those who illegally entered Egypt via the Sudanese borders have been denied the right to free movement, education, and labor, among other basic necessities. Unlike Syrian nationals, who are



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granted safe asylum in Egypt and systematically assisted by the UNHCR, Palestinian refugees are left on their own.

AGPS continues to stress the need to secure the rights of the Palestinians from Syria in Egypt, who fall outside of UNRWA's fields of operations, to legal and physical protection, as per the Refugee Convention of 1951, and to hand them over cash and in-kind aids, along with refugee cards, in order to enhance their legal status in the Egyptian territories.

Along the same line, Palestinian refugee Ubada Abdul Mon'em Tamim, aged 19 and arrested on September 2, was released from Turkish custody, where he had been kept for not holding the kimlik visa card.



Activists said the Turkish police transferred Ubada to Kilis city, south of Turkey, and granted him the kimlik protection card.

Recently, Turkish police stepped down crackdowns targeting irregular migrants and non-holders of the kimlik visa card in Istanbul.



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Meanwhile, the family of a 16-year-old Palestinian girl from Syria taking shelter in Lebanon's AlBekaa region have called on the International Red Cross, the Palestine Liberation Organization, and all other concerned institutions to take urgent action in order to help the family secure sums of money needed to treat the girl and buy medicines.

The father said his daughter was diagnosed with diabetes in Syria some four years ago due to the traumatic upshots of shelling and destruction in and around Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian refugees, in Damascus.

The family has been unable to purchase medicines. Drugs handed over to her by UNRWA turned out to be inappropriate. She was admitted twice into the hospital after her health took a turn for the worse.

A doctor prescribed insulin injections worth \$US 220 per month, a sum that far outlives the family's capacity to regularly shell it out.

Nearly 28,000 Palestinian refugees from Syria have sought shelter in Lebanon, where they have been deprived of vital services, particularly health care.

In the meantime, Palestinian refugees from Syria have been subjected to an abject humanitarian situation in Moria refugee camp, pitched on the Greek island of Lesbos. Migrants have reportedly been crammed in overcrowded and poorly-equipped tents.

Over recent weeks, Moria, one of the biggest refugee camps in Europe, has been running at three times its capacity with over



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9,000 refugees. Recently, 600 migrants boarding 14 boats landed in the camp.

Overpopulated refugee camps cause a shortage of resources, not least healthcare. Often mental health issues are overlooked, despite many refugees having experienced severe trauma

Thousands of women and girls are trapped on Greek islands, often in horrendous conditions, due to a “containment” policy for asylum seekers, to facilitate speedy processing and return to Turkey under the EU-Turkey deal.



Last week, UNICEF warned that the number of unaccompanied migrant minors staying in overcrowded reception centers on the Greek islands exceeds 1,100, the highest level since the peak of the refugee crisis in early 2016, calling on European countries to do more to protect vulnerable children.

“We continue to appeal to Greek authorities to transfer children to adequate accommodation on the mainland, but Greece cannot support refugee and migrant children alone,” UNICEF’s regional director for Europe and Central Asia Afshan Khan said from the agency’s headquarters in Geneva.



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“It is vital that European governments increase pledges to relocate unaccompanied and separated refugee and migrant children, and fast-track family reunifications for those who already have relatives in Europe,” she added.

The agency also underlined its concern about the fatal injury of a 15-year-old Afghan boy last weekend at the hands of a compatriot of the same age in the cramped Moria camp on Lesbos. “This latest tragedy is a stark reminder that the situation in reception centers in Greece is at a breaking-point,” Khan said.

Built to house 3,000 people, the Moria facility is hosting more than 8,700, including some 3,000 children, according to UNICEF. There are 520 unaccompanied children at a special section of the camp which was made to hold 160. Overall, Greece is hosting more than 32,000 child migrants of whom 4,100 are unaccompanied.

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.

Activists estimate that around 4,000 Palestinian refugees from Syria are taking shelter on Greece islands.