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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"PLA Officers Succumb to Coronavirus in Damascus"

- Situation of Palestinians in Jordan Displacement Camp Exacerbated by Anti-Coronavirus Lockdown
- Palestinian Refugee Omar Alalouh Forcibly Disappeared in Syrian Jails for 8th Year
- Food Items Distributed to Displaced Families in Northern Syria

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Latest developments

The Palestine Liberation Army (PLA) has mourned the death of Mohamed Tareq AlKhadraa, PLA's chief of staff, at the age of 89.

Palestinian sources said AlKhadraa died of coronavirus which he contracted in Damascus, where he will also be buried. He breathed his last at Tishreen military hospital.

Major General Tareq AlKhadra had survived an assassination attempt in 2015 in Damascus.

At the same time, PLA's brigadier general Mohamed Shahada Othman succumbed to coronavirus in Damascus.

Mohamed's son, Osama, died in 2014 as he fought alongside the Syrian government forces in Rif Dimashq.

In another development, Palestinian families from Syria taking shelter in AlHadiqa refugee camp, in Ar-Ramtha city, situated in the far northwest of Jordan, continue to appeal for urgent humanitarian action in response to the squalid conditions they have been enduring in the camp as a result of the lockdown measures slapped in the area to help fight the novel coronavirus.

Activists said the residents have been denied free access out of and into the area due to the quarantine imposed on the camp for over five months.

A Palestinian refugee compared the camp to an open-air prison, saying some 600 displaced families sheltered in the area have been



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struggling with a squalid condition and suffering psychological breakdowns.

The poor healthcare services and the absence of medicines and medical equipment have made the situation worse.

In its 2019 Syria Regional Crisis Emergency Appeal, UNRWA said 30% of Palestinian refugees from Syria (PRS) are highly vulnerable and 31% of recorded PRS are members of female-headed households, which increases their vulnerability.

Due to new arrivals and natural population growth, the number of PRS recorded with the UNRWA in Jordan increased from 16,779 individuals in October 2017 to 17,719 at the end of October 2018.

PRS who have entered from Syria and remain in Jordan irregularly are living under continuous risk of arrest, detention and potential for forced return to Syria. Their lack of legal status and corresponding protection risks in Jordan are a source of major concern to UNRWA.

In the meantime, Palestinian refugee Omar Ahmad Alalouh, from Yarmouk Camp, has been secretly held in Syria's state-run prisons for the eight consecutive year.

Omar was arrested by Syrian security forces at AlJalil School, in Yarmouk Camp, on September 28, 2012.

AGPS documented the secret incarceration of 1,797 Palestinian refugees in Syrian prisons, including 110 women and girls.



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Hundreds of Palestinian refugees have also been tortured to death behind Syria's prison bars. The government forces have been withholding their cadavers in unknown locations, preventing their families from bidding them last farewell.

Along similar lines, the Palestinians of Syria Relief Commission distributed meat portions to over 1,400 Palestinian refugee families taking shelter in displacement camps set up north of Syria.

The commission said the donations were made by Palestinians from Palestinian territories occupied since 1948, Europe, and Turkey. Other charities also contributed to the relief campaign.