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Latest Developments

The family of Palestinian refugee from Syria Ghassan Issa has appealed to all concerned bodies to help them secure an amount of 2,000 USD needed to shell out the fees of atrial dilatation (enlargement of the left atrium of the heart, and is a form of cardiomegaly).

The surgery coasts 4,300 USD. UNRWA paid 2,250 USD. The family has failed to afford the remaining sum due to its dire socio-economic condition.

Ghassan got hospitalized following a sudden heart attack and underwent life-saving cardiac dilatation.



Nearly 28,000 Palestinian refugees from Syria have sought shelter in Lebanon, where they have been subjected to a precarious legal status and dire socio-economic conditions owing to their lack of access to vital services, particularly health care.



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In another development, calls were circulated by the Palestine Liberation Army (PLA), affiliated with the Syrian government forces, to push for military conscription.

PLA called on Palestinian youths in AlNeirab and Handarat refugee camps, north of Syria, to join its military training held at Basel AlAssad Institute for Military training in Mesyaf town.

In late November 2019, PLA appointed a delegate in Aleppo's AlNeirab Camp to work out the situation of Palestinian young men who had failed to join compulsory military draft.

The Syrian government forces continue to drag Palestinian refugees to mandatory military conscription, forcing dozens to become internally displaced and dozens more to seek refuge in other countries.

Shortly after the outburst of the deadly warfare, the Syrian government forced Palestinian refugees aged 18 and above to join affiliated militias for periods of at least one year and a half.

Those who refuse conscription are subjected to crackdowns, abductions and even executions. As a result, thousands fled the tension-stricken country in the hunt for a safer shelter.

In the meantime, hundreds of displaced Palestinian families taking refuge in northern Syria continue to raise concerns over their fate as a freezing winter season has overwhelmed the region.

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.



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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 their rights to vital services.

Live snapshots show refugee tents being flooded with water as torrential downpours have swamped Palestinian refugee camps in northern Syria.



Hundreds of Palestinian families have been struggling for survival in the poorly-equipped Deir Ballout and Muhammadiya camps, after they were forced out of Yarmouk and southern Damascus towns. For many displaced Palestinian refugees, the perils of winter weather add to the torment already experienced throughout the conflict.

Meanwhile, AGPS documented the secret detention of 98 Palestinian refugees living in AlNeirab camp, in Aleppo, from March 2011 until February 9, 2020.

A number of Palestinians who had sought refuge in the camp were also fatally tortured in Syria's government prisons.



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AGPS has documented the secret incarceration of over 1,700 Palestinian refugees in Syria's state-run penal complexes.

AGPS believes that the number is far higher due to the gag orders enforced by the Syrian authorities 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.

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.

Affidavits by ex-detainees provided evidence on the involvement of Syrian government officers in harsh torture tactics, including electric shocks, heavy beating using whips and iron sticks, and sexual abuse against Palestinian detainees, in a flagrant violation of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, commonly known as the United Nations Convention against Torture (UNCAT).

AGPS continues to urge the Syrian government to disclose the fate of scores of Palestinians forcibly disappeared in state-run dungeons, release the bodies of those tortured to death, seriously work on halting harsh torture tactics, launch fact-finding probes into crimes of torture, and to bring those involved in such crimes before courts.