

10-09-2021

No. 3345

## التقرير اليومي

## الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية

Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"Displaced Families Allowed to Clear Debris from Yarmouk Camp"

- Palestinians in Syria's Jober Neighborhood Facing Ambivalent Fate
- Family Appeals for Information over Forcibly-Disappeared Palestinian Refugee in Syria
- Residents of Jaramana Camp Rally in Solidarity with Palestinian Escapees from Israeli Prison



## **Latest Developments**

Syrian authorities have allowed a number of families to re-enter the ravaged Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian refugees south of Damascus, and clear debris as of September 10 until October 05.

Media sources said a volunteer Red Crescent team has been spotted in the area to assist the families who continue to remove debris from their destroyed buildings and property pending their total clearance by the concerned authorities.

Syrian security forces deployed near the main entrance of Street 30 take down the families' identity documents before they hand them over an entrance permit.

A few days earlier, Secretary-General of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine Talal Naji told the Syrian state-run TV channel that residents of Yarmouk Camp will be soon allowed to return to their camp and retrieve their property following instructions to that end by the Syrian president.

Along similar lines, after more than ten years into the Syrian conflict, Palestinian refugees living in the war-torn country continue to face unbearable hardship and security threats.

This has been the case of the residents of Jober neighborhood in Damascus, who have been increasingly chased down in arbitrary arrest sweeps. A number of residents have been extra-judicially executed; others fled to neighboring countries or risked their lives



onboard "death boats" trying to get to safety to European destinations.

A large number of families have become internally displaced across Damascus and its suburbs at the same time as their appeals to return to their homes have gone unheeded by the Syrian government and concerned institutions.

Almost all of Jober's structures, buildings, mosques, and groceries have been reduced to rubble in the military operations launched by the Syrian government forces and their Russian partners.

In the best of cases, displaced families are allowed to stay for 15 minutes in the neighborhood to inspect their homes and property in return for money given to government officers deployed at checkpoints pitched around the area.

Nearly 10,000 Palestinian refugees, mostly from northern occupied Palestine, have been taking shelter in Jober neighborhood.

Earlier this year, Damascus Governorate Council took an undeclared decision outlawing the return of the residents of the Damascus neighborhood of Jober, including dozens of Palestinian families, to their houses and the retrieval of their property.

In another development, the family of Palestinian refugee Redwan Hasan Abdullah Redwan continues to appeal for information about his condition and whereabouts.



Redwan, born in 1968 in the Israeli-occupied city of Jenin, was arrested by Syrian security forces in 1996.

AGPS has documented the secret detention of 1,797 Palestinian refugees in state-run penal complexes across war-torn Syria, among them 110 women and girls.

AGPS also documented the death of over 550 Palestinian refugees under torture in Syrian government lock-ups, including women, children, and elderly civilians.

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).

Meanwhile, residents of Jaramana Camp for Palestinian refugees joined a march held in solidarity with the six Palestinians who managed to escape the Israeli Gilboa prison.

Over the past few days, Israeli authorities have launched a manhunt in search for the six Palestinian prisoners who escaped from one of the country's most secure jails overnight.

The men dug a hole in the floor of their cell at Gilboa prison, then crawled through a cavity and tunnelled beneath the outer wall.



An Israel Prison Service official described the escape as "a major security and intelligence failure". Palestinian resistance groups hailed it as "heroic".