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Latest Developments

Alarm bells have been sounded over the mysterious fate of several Palestinian families who have been held captive in Syrian dungeons.

The list of missing families includes Mouloud Khaled AlAbdullah's family, kidnapped on July 27, 2013 at a government-run checkpoint in Nisreen Street, in AlTadhamun neighborhood, adjacent to Yarmouk Camp.

The family's 73-year-old father, Mawloud Khalid AlAbdullah, has been diagnosed with cardiovascular diseases while the mother, Dheiba, 65, is a diabetic patient. Al Abdullah family members Ilham, 48, Anaam, 33, Yasmeen, 39, along with the latter's six-year-old kid Obada, have all gone missing so far.



Unverified reports said the family is being held in pro-government penitentiaries in AlTadhamun quarter. Others said the family members are locked up in a prison in Damascus. The family's actual conditions and whereabouts remain, however, shrouded in mystery.



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In another development, three-year-old Palestinian child from Syria Ahmad Majed Awad, was pronounced dead after he drowned in a swimming pool in Gelsenkirchen, a city located in Germany's most populous federal state of North Rhine-Westphalia.

A German national pulled Ahmad's body after he spotted it floating in the pool. The child breathed his last shortly after.



Ahmad's family disembarked in Germany on June 11, 2014, fleeing war-ragged Syria. The family reached Munich before they moved to Bochum city in 2015 after they were granted a legal stay.

Meanwhile, Syria's Minister of Public Works and Housing Suhail Abdul Latif said serious efforts have been ongoing to finalize the roadmap for the rehabilitation of Yarmouk Camp and other areas in Damascus.

In press statements, Abdul Latif said efforts have been under full swing by the committee taking charge of the rehabilitation file, adding that it has discussed with officials at the ministry the latest developments in this regard.



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On May 23, pro-government sources in Syria announced the launch of a follow-up committee led by Minister of Public Works and Housing to wrap up rehabilitation plans in Yarmouk Camp and adjacent areas in two month's time.

The move was announced following a meeting convened in Damascus between the Syrian Prime Minister and government officials in an attempt to boost reconstruction works in such Damascus zones as Ein AlFijeh, Ein AlKhadra, Basima, Yarmouk Camp, and Jober, among other areas.

A few months earlier, the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) published the results of an assessment of the damage to Syrian cities caused by seven years of relentless bombardment by the incumbent regime and its allies since 2011.

The analysis found out that as many as 5,489 buildings were destroyed in Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian refugees. The damage atlas used satellite-detected damage analysis to identify buildings that are either destroyed, or severely or moderately damaged.

Most of Palestinian families taking shelter south of Damascus fled Yarmouk as a result of the tough blockade imposed by the government troops and also after ISIS grabbed hold of the camp on April 1, 2015.

Scores of other stranded families fled the camp following the 33-day military operation launched by the government forces on April 19. The Syrian government forces regained control over the camp and southern Damascus towns following the military operation.



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Dozens of civilians were killed and dozens more injured in the offensive. Over 80% of buildings have gone either totally or partially destroyed.

A number of activists and residents attempting to reach their homes in Yarmouk Camp have been denied access into the area by Syrian government troops deployed at the main entrances to the camp. Reports of theft have also emerged after Syrian government forces grabbed hold of the camp and reportedly burglarized civilian homes. Pro-government troops stole electric kit, furniture, and wares, among other equipment.

In the meantime, 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.





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Scores of Palestinian migrants have docked in Izmir, Mersin, and Istanbul, among other Turkish destinations, after they have received death threats by the Turkish gendarmerie.

Palestinian refugees pay from \$700 to \$2,000 in an attempt to reach Greece from Turkey, risking a journey fraught with much danger, crammed into inflatable watercrafts.

Activists estimate that around 4,000 Palestinian refugees from Syria are taking cover in such Greek islands as Lesbos, Mytilene, Chios, Leros, and Kos, among other areas in Greece.