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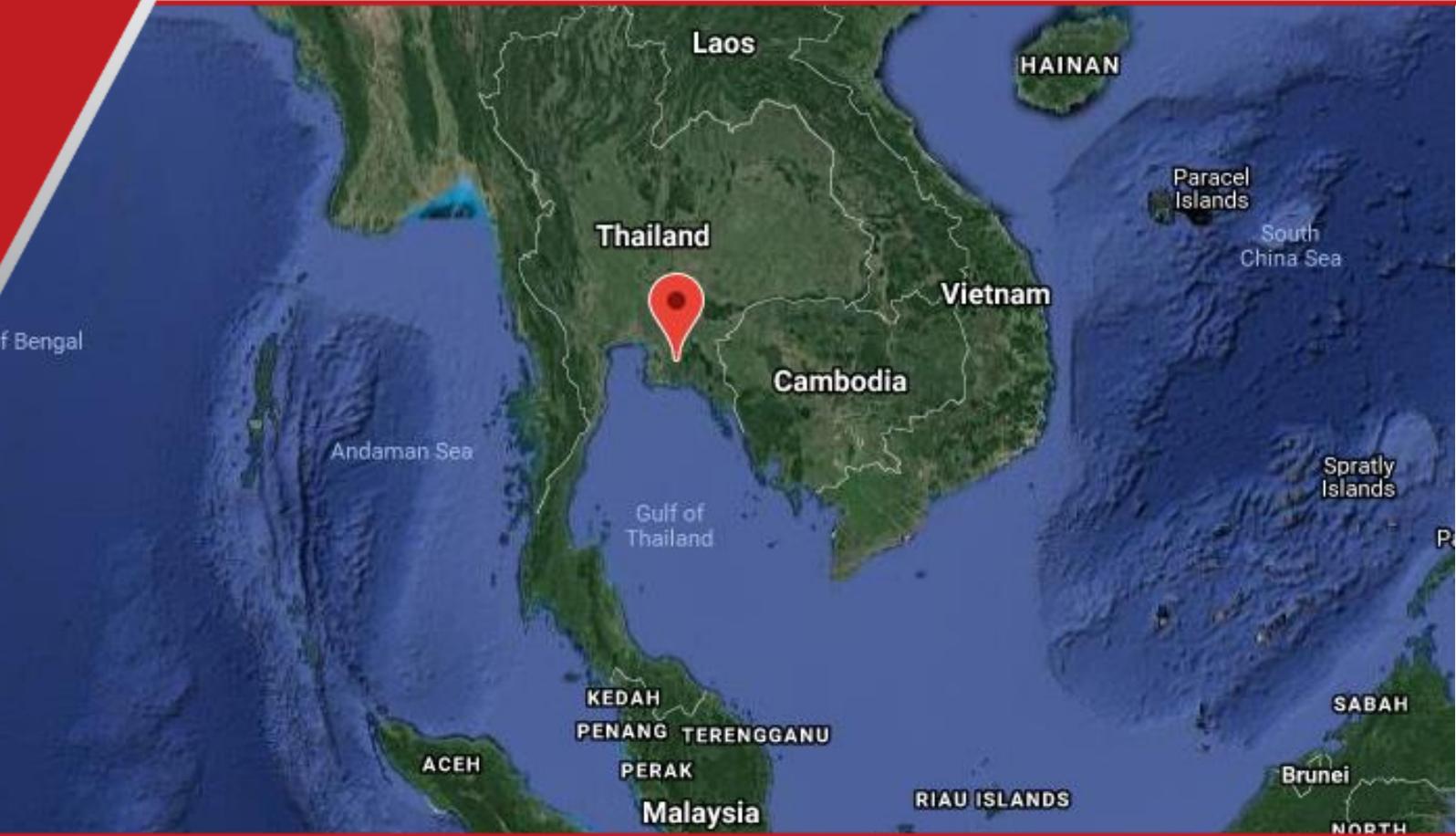
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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



### "Palestinians from Syria in Thailand Launch Distress Signals"

- Displaced Palestinian Families Continue to Rally over Dire Conditions in Deir Ballout Camp
- AlRefai: Removal of debris in Yarmouk is to allow residents access to their homes
- 202 Palestinian Residents of Yarmouk Camp Secretly Locked Up in Syrian Jails
- Aids Handed Over to Palestinian Families from Syria in Turkey

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## Latest Developments

Palestinian refugees from Syria trapped in Thailand have urged the international community to rally around them and work on releasing those held in Thai jails.

The refugees said the Thai authorities have been treating them as lawbreakers rather than asylum seekers fleeing war-stricken zones. A number of refugees have been arrested after they overstayed their visas.

Dozens of Palestinian and Syrian refugees from Syria have been grappling with dire conditions in Thailand, according to a testimony by a refugee from Bangkok.



The same source said 50 refugees, among them women, children and elderly persons, are locked up in I.D.C detention center for overstaying their visas.

On July 10, 2018, Palestinians stranded in Thailand's lock-ups for overstaying their visas appealed to the international human rights



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institutions to hold contacts with the Thai government so as to release them at the soonest time possible.

AGPS urges the international community, United Nations, and Palestinian institutions to take urgent action so as to assist Palestinians from Syria stranded in Bangkok, where illegal immigrants and refugees are barely differentiated, and ensure they are fairly treated.

Meanwhile, the displaced Palestinian families north of Syria continue to rally, protesting their tragic living conditions in the poorly-equipped Deir Ballout Camp.

The protesters urged UNRWA to live up to its responsibilities as regards dozens of hopeless families and to provide them with much-needed cash aids, medical items, and relief services.



The refugees also appealed to the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) and the international human rights institutions to take urgent action in order to tone down the abject situation endured by Palestinian families north of Syria.



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The displaced families spoke out against the acute dearth in bread and drinking water.

They further raised concerns over the diseases and hardships to be wrought on their children who have been taking cover in ramshackle tents with the advent of winter. Several families engulfed their tents with roadblocks and sand barriers to protect their children from the floods of water swamping their camps.

Nearly 450 Palestinian families, out of 700 families who were displaced from Yarmouk and southern Damascus towns, have been taking refuge in Deir Ballout Camp.

In the meantime, member of Fatah's Central Committee in Damascus Samir AlRefai denied reports that debris clearance in Yarmouk Camp has been ongoing in order to open access roads to AlShuhada Cemetery.



Speaking with Palestine TV Channel, AlRefai said removal of debris in Yarmouk makes part of underway attempts to allow the residents a safe access to their homes in the camp.



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He added that 40% of civilian homes are fit for habitation; 40% require partial reconstruction, while 20% of buildings have been turned into mounds of rubble.

The official said a roadmap is slated to be put into effect in the next few days to repair water and sanitation networks, adding that UNRWA will step in to reconstruct local schools and facilities.

AlRefai quoted Syria's Prime Minister Emad Khamis as stating that the government will take charge of the reconstruction of infrastructure. However, house owners are responsible for reconstructing their own homes.

In statements to AlWatan daily on October 11, 2018, head of the PLO's political department Anwar Abdul Hadi said the Syrian authorities green-lighted the reconstruction of AlShuhada Cemetery under the supervision of the Palestinian Authority and PLO.

Abdul Hadi also said the measure aims at preserving AlShuhada Cemetery, home to the bodies of the victims of the Palestinian Revolution since 1965.

Along the same line, 206 Palestinian residents of Yarmouk Camp, among them 20 women, have been secretly held in Syrian dungeons.

AGPS continues to urge the Syrian authorities to reveal the condition and whereabouts of hundreds of Palestinians who have been enduring mysterious fates in government-run lock-ups.

AGP also documented the death of 556 Palestinians under torture in Syrian government prisons.



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In the meantime, Khayra Ummah Association paid a visit to Palestinian families from Syria who have recently landed in Turkey.

Khayrah Ummah, in partnership with the Indonesian SMART 171 organization, handed over cash and in-kind aids to a number of displaced Palestinian families.

The charities also distributed relief items to a number of Palestinian families from Syria in Esenyurt, in Istanbul, after they fled the embattled Yarmouk and Daraa camps.

Palestinian refugees from Syria in Turkey have been enduring a calamitous situation due to the absence of relief aids by such UN bodies as UNRWA and the UNHCR. The families have been receiving sporadic aids from a handful of Turkish and Syrian charities, including the Turkish Association for Solidarity with Palestine (FIDAR).