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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"Palestinian Refugee from Syria Disappears on Way to Greece"

- Palestinian Refugee Arrested by Syrian Security Forces
- Ambassador: 500 Palestinian Refugees from Syria Obtained Palestinian-Authority Passports
- UNRWA Resumes Reconstruction of Vital Premises in Deraa Camp
- In One Week, 8 Coronavirus-Related Deaths Reported in AlNeirab Camp



Latest Developments

Palestinian refugee Bahaa Ahmad Hasan, raised in Syria's Deraa Camp, has gone missing since October 13 as he tried to cross the river between Turkey and Greece.

Bahaa's condition and whereabouts could not be identified.

His friend said he disappeared after Greek police forced a group of young men to swim back to the Turkish territories. The other young men are in good health.

Along similar lines, a Palestinian refugee sheltered in AlHusainiya Camp was arrested by Syrian security forces on October 9 as he passed through a checkpoint pitched near AlKeswa town, in Rif Dimashq.

AGPS has not revealed his name over security concerns. He was born in 1997.

In another development, Palestinian Ambassador in Syria Dr. Samir AlRefai said some 5,000 Palestinian Authority passports were handed over to Palestinian refugees in Syria.

He said an increasing number of refugees have applied for Palestinian-Authority passports as a number of Gulf States denied granting visas to Palestinian holders of travel documents issued in their countries of residence.



He denied claims that the Palestinian Authority's policy leads to the displacement of more Palestinians from Syria, saying 200,000 refugees have fled the country so far and sought asylum in other destinations.

Meanwhile, UNRWA has started reconstruction works to rehabilitate its medical and educational facilities in Deraa Camp for Palestinian refugees, south of Syria.

Works have been underway to reconstruct the Tiberias and AlSafsaf schools along with the local clinic.

On September 25, a UNRWA delegation inspected the condition of the Agency's premises in the camp after the Syrian regime lifted its tough blockade on the area.

The delegation was led by UNRWA's Director of Syria Operations, Amanya Michael Ibye. He was accompanied by Anas Khalifa, director of the General Authority for Palestinian Arab refugees in the camp, and the southern area's acting director Assaad Husain.

During the latest round of escalations by the Syrian regime and their Russian forces on Deraa, UNRWA called on all warring parties to ensure the access of relief supplies to the camp and the opening of a humanitarian corridor to assist the stranded civilians.

In the meantime, two new coronavirus-related deaths were reported in AlNeirab Camp for Palestinian refugees, brining the death toll over the seven past days to eight.



The two victims are Mahmoud Ibrahim AlKhatib and Abed Fayad. They were pronounced dead on Friday.

The residents have expressed deep concern over their children's safety due to the absence of anti-coronavirus drives and hygiene kit in the area.

Confirmed coronavirus cases have increasingly been reported in Palestinian refugee camps in Syria, at a time when residents have been launching cries for help over the absence of hygiene kit and medicines.

A few months earlier, AGPS also warned of an unabated outbreak of COVID-19 in Palestinian refugee camps in Syria. Limited access to running water, pharmacies and medical facilities mean displacement camps are more susceptible to the spread of the highly infectious virus.

Displacement camps set up in northern Syria are especially vulnerable as most hospitals and medical facilities have been bombed, rendering them out of order.