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## الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية

Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"Stranded Palestinian Refugee in Sri Lanka Appeals for Urgent Humanitarian Action"

- Displaced Palestinian Families in Yalda Town Rail Against Power Crisis
- Cornavirus Outbreak Feared in Palestinian Refugee Camp in Syria
- Palestinian Doctor Radhi Shakosh Secretly Held in Syrian Prisons for 8<sup>th</sup> Year



## **Latest developments**

Palestinian refugee from Syria Moadh Khalil Abu AlAlaa, previously sheltered in Yarmouk Camp, has appealed to the international humanitarian and human rights organizations to lend him a hand and help him with treatment fees.

Moadh, who is stranded in Sri Lanka, also appealed to the international institutions to work on securing his safe access to another European country to undergo the necessary medical treatment.

Moadh, an activist and a member of the Palestinian Center for Human Rights in Lebanon, has been diagnosed with colon cancer since 2018. He underwent a surgery and had his colon partially removed.

In early 2020, Muadh traveled to a European country to carry on with treatment procedures but failed to pay the required fees. He was detained at Colombo airport and sent to jail. He was later released following efforts made by the Palestine Embassy. The immigration authorities agreed to transfer him from a prison to a hospital in Colombo after he had his fines paid for him.

Moadh's health condition has taken a turn for the worse. Tumor remains still figure on his body. Medics said he needs urgent treatment.



In another development, Palestinian refugees displaced from Yarmouk Camp to Yalda town, in Rif Dimashq, denounced the frequent power blackouts in the area.

A Palestinian refugee said power has operated only for one hour over the past five days, adding that the situation is made worse by the water crisis. Civilians are forced to buy water from privatelyowned tanks at extremely steep prices.

Meanwhile, coronavirus cases have been reported in AlRaml camp in Latakia, where displaced Palestinian families have expressed deep concern over their fate in the poverty-stricken area.

A number of infected residents have refused to reveal their names over bullying concerns.

Recently, concerns have mounted over a striking increase in coronavirus cases in and around Palestinian refugee camps in Syria, where the number of confirmed infections has already soared.

Medics sounded distress signals over the acute shortage in staff and equipment along with fuel needed to operate power generators at hospitals. The number of infections is estimated to get at least three times higher.

Over recent months, AGPS has also warned of a projected outbreak of COVID-19 in Palestinian refugee camps in Syria. Though campaigns to help spread awareness among the camps' residents have recently seen the day, 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.

Meanwhile, Palestinian refugee Radi Mohamed Saleh Shakosh has been secretly incarcerated in Syrian jails for the eighth consecutive year.

Shakosh was kidnapped by the Syrian intelligence forces on August 11, 2012 outside of his clinic in Khan Eshieh Camp. His fate has been shrouded in mystery.

AGPS documented the internment of 1,797 Palestinian detainees in Syrian prisons, among them 110 women and girls.