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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



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Victims

Palestinian refugee Ahmad Mahmoud Younes Hmeida was killed as he fought alongside Liwaa AlQuds brigade, affiliated with the Syrian government forces, in West Aleppo clashes.

Nearly 7,000 gunmen are enlisted at Liwaa AlQuds brigade, among them 800 Palestinian refugees taking shelter in refugee camps across the Syrian territories.

AGPS kept record of the death of 90 Palestinian refugees as they fought alongside Liwaa AlQuds forces since 2013.

Latest Developments

The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) said the majority of Palestinian refugees from Syria (PRS) in Jordan are food insecure and continue to face high vulnerability.

Referring to a Comprehensive Food Security and Vulnerability Assessment conducted by WFP in 2018, UNRWA said the majority (67 per cent) of PRS were food-insecure or vulnerable to food insecurity.



UNRWA said that 12 per cent of PRS female headed households were found to be food insecure compared to seven per cent of male-headed households. Food insecurity was even higher (78 per cent) in PRS households where the head of household was reported to be completely illiterate.



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Eighty-six per cent of surveyed PRS households were also reported to be in debt, added the UN Agency.

A post-distribution monitoring exercise (PDM), conducted by UNRWA in August 2019 to collect feedback on the cash assistance program, revealed that 35 per cent of PRS respondents used UNRWA cash assistance to pay for rent, 15 per cent used it to cover food needs, 15 per cent to repay a debt, 11 per cent paid water and electricity bills and 24 per cent utilized cash for other priorities like health, transportation, clothing, etc.

The number of PRS in Jordan has remained relatively stable for a number of years, with 17,343 PRS recorded with UNRWA as of December 2019. Of these, 349 reside in King Abdullah Park (KAP), facing movement restrictions and a number of protection concerns.

Since the opening of Jabeer-Al Nassib border between Syria and Jordan, in October 2018, UNRWA has registered the return of 624 PRS individuals to Syria. As of November 2019, of those returnees, some 227 individuals were displaced again to Jordan for a range of reasons, including the unstable security situation in Syria, problems with civil documentation, lack of economic resources and livelihood opportunities, and high levels of destruction of homes and property.

In 2019, Jordan had the second highest share of refugees compared to its population in the world, with 654,955 Syrian refugees registered in the country as of October 2019.

The large influx of refugees has placed enormous pressure on the country's infrastructure, services, economic resources and ability to provide for both refugees in need and the host community.

In another development, Palestinian refugee Mohamed Yousef Koujeel, born in 1939, has been secretly held in Syrian government prisons since 2014.



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Koujeel was arrested on January 05, 2014 in Ali AlWahsh Street, in Hjeira town, south of Damascus, as he attempted to flee the blockaded Yarmouk Camp.

AGPS documented the secret detention of 1,786 Palestinian refugees in Syrian government jails, including dozens of women and minors.

Meanwhile, Shams Center for Women Empowerment in AlNeirab refugee camp, in Aleppo, announced the launch of educational and vocational courses in computer sciences, English, French, pastries, accessories, and detergent industry, in addition to psychological and medical support courses along with sports training for Palestinian refugees.

At the same time, the Damascus Training Center is slated to hold three-month courses as of February 23, 2020 for students whose applications for the 2019/2010 academic year were turned down.

More than eight years of deadly warfare have imperiled the quality of education and access to educational facilities in the ravaged Syrian territories. Palestinian schoolchildren and university students continue to strive for careers that match their dreams for a better future

Upon more than one occasion, the UN has raised alarm bells over the striking upsurge in the rate of school dropouts among the Palestinians of Syria, several among whom have left schools to help feeding their impoverished families in unemployment-stricken refugee camps.

