

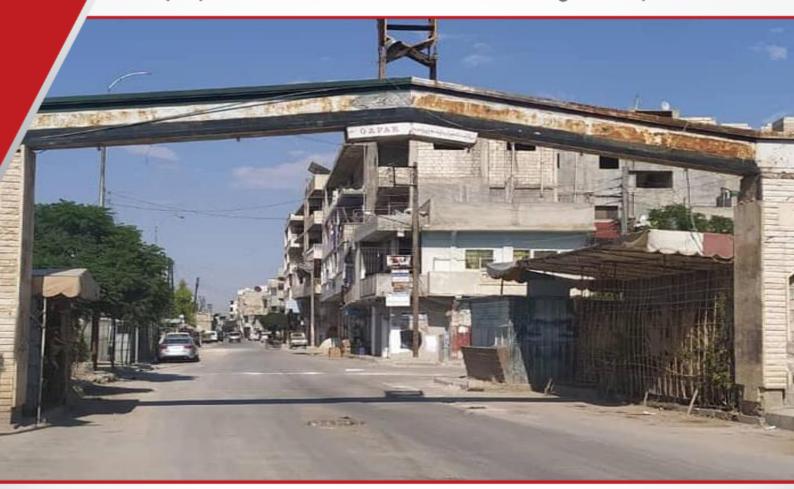
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## الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية

Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"Humanitarian Drive Launched in AlNeirab Camp for Palestinian Refugees"

- Transportation Crisis Rocks AlAyedeen Camp in Hums
- AlSayeda Zeinab Cordoned Off with Sand Barriers in Syria
- Palestinian Refugee Running for Membership at Germany Immigrants Council
- Palestinian Refugee Samer Salal Forcibly Disappeared by Syrian Regime



## **Latest Developments**

Residents of AlNeirab Camp for Palestinian refugees, in Aleppo, along with Palestinian expatriates have embarked on a campaign to pay the debts of vulnerable families in the area.

AlNeirab camp is the largest official camp in Syria and is 13km east of the city of Aleppo near the Aleppo airport.

Before the start of the conflict in Syria, Neirab camp was home to more than 20,000 Palestine refugees. Like other Palestine refugee camps in Syria, a large number of families, young people, have travelled abroad. The camp has also seen a large influx of more than 900 families from the nearby Ein el Tal camp, which has been mostly destroyed.

With nearly 18,000 registered refugees, Neirab camp is among the most densely populated camps. The camp suffers from overcrowding and a lack of privacy. Like other areas in Syria, displacement, unemployment, inflation, protection and security risks are among the main concerns shared by Palestine refugees and Syrians alike.

The location of the camp near the military airport means the area was exposed to hazards including mortars and shelling between the start of 2013 and the end of 2018.

Poor shelters and poor construction of the barracks result in scorching temperatures in summer and freezing conditions in



winter. Water leakage and rodent infestation also remain a problem for the refugees.

Along similar lines, residents of AlAyedeen camp for Palestinian refugees, in Hums, continue to appeal to the concerned authorities to secure transportation means to give them daily lifts to their destinations and workplaces.

Students, workers, and sick people have denounced the overcrowding and unpunctuality of public means of transport, saying they have been made to wait for over two hours daily to reach their destinations.

Palestinians taking shelter in AlAyedeen Camp in Hums have been facing a deteriorating humanitarian situation as a result of the price leap, sharp shortage in fuel supplies, the frequent power blackouts, and absence of humanitarian assistance. High rates of unemployment and the security turmoil rocking the region have made the situation far more alarming.

Meanwhile, Syrian security forces fenced off access roads connecting Babila, Hjeira, and AlSayeda Zeinab towns with sand barriers and without prior notice.

Informed sources told AGPS that the closure was carried out under the security pretext. The main thoroughfare has been kept open for emergency cases or security purposes.

Palestinian refugees and Syrian families taking shelter in the area continue to speak out against the arbitrary crackdowns and



movement restrictions slapped by the Syrian regime against the residents.

In another development, Palestinian refugee from Syria Mohamed Nejmah said he will be running for membership at the Immigrants' Advisory Council in the city of Leipzig, in Saxony, in eastern Germany.

The vote will be carried out on March 22.

Mohamed Nejma, who fled Yarmouk Camp in Syria, said he seeks to help immigrants and provide them with legal assistance.

Hundreds of displaced Palestinian refugees in/from Syria have achieved success stories, despite the traumatic upshots wrought by the daily scenes of bloodshed and destruction across the embattled Syrian territories.

This includes scores of refugee students who have obtained the highest scores at their academic institutions; hundreds of refugee sportsmen/sportswomen who snatched the first places in regional and international competitions; dozens of artists who received renowned literary awards for their products and performances; and several housewives who turned trauma into a space of creativity.

In the meantime, Palestinian refugee Samer Salel has been secretly held in Syrian government prisons for the 9<sup>th</sup> consecutive year.

Samer was arrested by Syrian security forces deployed in Jaramana in 2012. His condition and whereabouts could not be identified.



AGPS has documented the secret detention of 1,797 Palestinian refugees in state-run penal complexes across war-torn Syria, among them 110 women and girls.

AGPS also documented the death of over 600 Palestinian refugees under torture in Syrian government lock-ups, including women, children, and elderly civilians.

Affidavits by ex-detainees provided evidence on the involvement of Syrian government officers in harsh torture tactics, including electric shocks, heavy beating using whips and iron sticks, and sexual abuse against Palestinian detainees, in a flagrant violation of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, commonly known as the United Nations Convention against Torture (UNCAT).