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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"Syrian Regime Targets Blockaded Deraa with Anti-Aircraft Guns"

- Gangsters Burglarize AlNeirab School
- Water Crisis Ongoing in Khan Eshieh Camp
- Palestinian Refugee Child Missing in Damascus
- CSOs Visit Displaced Palestinian Families in Istanbul



Latest Developments

The Syrian regime has attacked Deraa AlBalad, south of Syria, with anti-aircraft guns, forcing dozens of families out of their homes and shelters.

Syrian regime troops have been deployed at checkpoints pitched around Deraa city, including around the city's Palestinian refugee camp.

Assad regime forces have been blockading the crowded neighborhood of Deraa AlBalad and Deraa Camp, in southern Syria for over a three weeks. As a result the humanitarian situation has taken a turn for the worse.

Civilians have had no access to healthcare facilities in the area and have run out of much-needed medicines, including cancer drugs. The life of pregnant women and patients in need of hemodialysis is particularly at risk. There is only one certified midwife in the area.

On June 25, the regime forces asked the residents and former opposition forces to lay down all light weapons and allow them to search their homes. However, the Daraa Central Committee, the main reconciliation center in the area, noted that they were only supposed to hand in heavy weapons as part of the Russian-brokered agreement signed in July 2018. The regime then started imposing a blockade on some 40,000 civilians living in the area.



All entrances and exits from the district have been blocked, and the transportation of all medical and food assistance, as well as fuel, has been prohibited.

Daraa-based activists told Anadolu Agency (AA) that another reason for the regime to impose the blockade was because the region's people had opposed setting up ballot boxes for the regime's so-called elections.

Daraa was one of the main bastions of opposition that came under intense attacks by the regime.

In 2018, Assad regime forces, backed by allied Russian forces, started a massive ground and air offensive to retake Daraa from the opposition. The onslaught forced more than 320,000 people to flee and camp in open spaces or makeshift shelters near the border with Jordan or the Golan Heights.

In another development, AlNeirab School, located in AlNeirab camp for Palestinian refugees, in the northern Syrian province of Aleppo, was burglarized by anonymous thieves on Monday.

The stolen items include 2,000 fuel liters and computers, among others.

The school director reached out to the local authorities after he was blackmailed and threatened by the thieves in order to remain silent over the crime.



Meanwhile, Palestinian families taking refuge in Khan Eshieh camp, in Rif Dimashq, said water has been cut off across residential neighborhoods for several days.

The residents have warned of the repercussions of the water crisis on their children's health condition in light of the global propagation of the COVID-19 pandemic.

An AGPS reporter said most of the families sheltered in the camp are cash-stripped and cannot afford to by drinking water from privately-owned tanks.

Palestinian families continue to appeal to UNRWA and the concerned authorities to take urgent action regarding the alarming humanitarian condition in the camp.

In the meantime, Palestinian child Bakr Adnan Suleiman Khalayfa, aged 12, has gone missing from AlSabina Camp for Palestinian refugees, in Rif Dimashq.

Bakr left his family house early morning on Friday.

In another development, representatives of FIDAR and the Popular Conference for Palestinians Abroad paid visits to displaced Palestinian families sheltered in Eselner district, in the Turkish metropolitan city of Istanbul.

The move makes part of a solidarity campaign launched in favor of vulnerable Palestinian families displaced from war-torn Syria.



Nearly 2,400 Palestinian families from Syria have sought shelter in Turkey, including 1,200 families in Istanbul, where they have been facing an abject situation.