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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"Man Gunned Down in AlMuzeireeb, Palestinian Refugees in Distress"

- Palestinian Refugee Earns BA in Programming in Germany
- Migrants Pushed Back by Greek Coast Guard
- Firewood Distributed in Displacement Camps North of Syria

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Latest Developments

Tension has been running high in AlMuzeireeb town, south of Syria, after a man was assassinated by anonymous gunmen.

The victim—Fadi Kaar'aan—was shot with gunfire. He died on the spot.

At the same time, an explosive device went off near a shop on the highway, resulting in heavy material damage.

In another development, Palestinian youth Mahmoud Fakhri AlAsadi received a Bachelor degree in programming from the Faculty of Information at the University of Stuttgart, Germany. Sometime earlier, he earned the American International Certificate in Project Management (IMPA), and worked in several multinational companies.

He took part in several projects, including the Makkah Clock Tower, Mercedes and Porsche car companies. Recently, he obtained a consultant degree for the global company SAP.

Dozens of displaced Palestinian refugees have achieved success stories, despite of the traumatic upshots wrought by daily scenes of bloodshed and destruction across the embattled Syrian territories. Thousands of children have gone orphaned after they lost one or both of their parents in the deadly warfare.

The conflict in Syria has had traumatic fallouts on Palestinian refugees in and outside of Syria. Post-traumatic stress disorders, mental psychosis, sleeplessness and nightmares, eating disorders,



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and intense fear have all been reported among Palestinian refugees from Syria.

Meanwhile, 55 irregular migrants were pushed back by the Greek Coast Guard to Turkish waters.

The list includes 30 migrants whose boat broke down at night near Lesbos Island. They were rescued by Greek coast guards and pushed back to Turkish coast.

Over recent years, activists have held the Greek authorities responsible for the mounting tension in overcrowded migrant facilities, saying refugees have been psychologically distressed due to the substandard living conditions they have been made to endure in reception centers and the absence of life-saving healthcare services at a time when reports of coronavirus cases have soared.

The migrants, including hundreds of Palestinian refugees, have been subjected to dire conditions on the island and deprived of their basic human rights, including access to water, power, and relief services. Recently, human rights groups have warned that Greek police have been using tear gas, water cannon, and stun grenades to push back the border crossers.

Greek authorities have made no secret of their resolve and even their use of aggressive tactics to block illegal crossings. But the government in Athens is denying accusations of deadly attacks on migrants.



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In a March 17 report last year, Human Rights Watch (HRW) said Greek security forces and unidentified armed men at the Greece-Turkey land border have detained, assaulted, sexually assaulted, robbed, and stripped asylum seekers and migrants, then forced them back to Turkey.

Between March 7 and 9, Human Rights Watch interviewed 21 asylum seekers and migrants, 17 of whom were men and 4 women, in Turkey about how they tried to enter Greece over the land border following the Turkish government's February 27 announcement that it would no longer stop asylum seekers and migrants from leaving Turkey to reach the European Union.

All those interviewed said that within hours after they crossed in boats or waded through the river, armed men wearing various law enforcement uniforms or in civilian clothes, including all in black with balaclavas, intercepted everyone in their group. All said the men detained them in official or informal detention centers, or on the roadside, and stole their money, mobile phones, and bags before summarily pushing them back to Turkey.

Seventeen interviewees also described how the men assaulted them and others, including women and children, through electric shocks, beating with wooden or metal rods, prolonged beating of the soles of feet, punching, kicking, and stomping.

In the meantime, the Palestine Commission for Relief and Development distributed 21,000 Kgs of firewood in displacement camps in Idlib, north of Syria. 140 families benefited from the move.



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Hundreds of Palestinian and Syrian families who have been forcibly deported to northern Syria have been grappling with an abject humanitarian situation as most of them have been taking cover in underequipped tents and denied access to vital facilities and services.