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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"12 New Coronavirus Cases Reported in AlNeirab Camp for Palestinian Refugees"

- AGPS Participates in Professional Blogging Course in Istanbul
- UNRWA Director Visits Deraa Camp Schools
- Drug Trafficker's House Raided in Jaraman Camp
- Palestinian Refugee Wisam Bishtawi Forcibly Disappeared in Syria for 7th Year

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Latest Developments

Another 12 residents of AlNeirab Camp for Palestinian refugees, in the northern Syrian province of Aleppo, have recently contracted the Delta Plus variant.

Medics told AGPS that the number of infections is likely to go up in light of the absence of anti-coronavirus measures and vaccines in the camp. The residents' lack of commitment to safety protocols has made the situation far more alarming.

Over recent weeks, nearly 150 coronavirus cases have been recorded in the camp. The death toll has hit 60.

In another development, AGPS participated in a training course in professional blogging, held by the Turkish Association for Solidarity with Palestine (FIDAR), in partnership with Al Jazeera Media Institute and the Palestinian Return Centre (PRC).

18 journalists having professional ties with pro-Palestine media took part in the course, which is held in the Turkish metropolitan city of Istanbul.

The three-day course was delivered by Salman Al-Badri, from Al Jazeera Media Institute. Trainees received graduation certificates at the end of the course.

The training covered key-concepts, approaches, and mechanisms of professional blogging.



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Meanwhile, a UNRWA delegation visited AlSafsaf and Ein Karem Schools in Deraa Camp for Palestinian refugees, south of Syria.

The delegation inspected the condition of UNRWA premises in the camp after the Syrian regime lifted its tough blockade on the camp.

The delegation was led by UNRWA's Director of Syria Operations, Amany Michael Ibye. He was accompanied by Anas Khalifa, director of the General Authority for Palestinian Arab refugees in the camp, and the southern area's acting director Assaad Husain.

Amany met with Palestinian schoolchildren and instructors and took note of their aspirations and the challenges they face with the advent of the academic year.

During the latest round of escalations by the Syrian regime and their Russian forces on Deraa, UNRWA called on all warring parties to ensure the access of relief supplies to the camp and the opening of a humanitarian corridor to assist the stranded civilians.

In the meantime, an AGPS reporter said an intelligence security troop raided a house in Jaramana Camp for Palestinian refugees, in Rif Dimashq, at dawn on Thursday over allegations of the owner's involvement in drug trafficking. The suspect fled his house shortly before the security forces showed up in the area.

Over recent years, residents of Jaramana Camp have accused pro-regime committees of running a network of drug trafficking.

Drug distribution is often carried out by children aged below 18 and members of cash-strapped and vulnerable families who are



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exploited by illicit drug trafficking networks which are subject to drug prohibition laws.

Daily scenes of destruction and bloodshed in Syria forced dozens of helpless civilians, among them children, to consume drugs and sniff glue, among other life-threatening substances, as a means to get over the trauma inflicted by the unabated warfare. Drug use, which starts as a way to escape, quickly makes their life worse.

Reports of drug consumption and trafficking have increasingly emerged in AlNeirab Camp for Palestinian refugees, in Syria.

In the meantime, Palestinian refugee Wisam Mahmoud Bishtawi has been secretly held in Syrian government prisons for the 7th consecutive year.

Wisam was arrested by Syrian security forces on December 23, 2014 at a checkpoint in Kafr Sousa, in Damascus, and dragged to an unidentified destination.

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



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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).