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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



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- Refugees Denied Free Meals in Greek Migrant Camps
- 38 Asylum-Seekers Rescued off Turkish Coast

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## Latest Developments

A ceremony was held in the northwestern Syrian city of I'zaz by the Association of Displaced Palestinians in Northern Syria, in cooperation with Maseer Foundation, to honor 31 Palestinian refugee women who survived torture in Syrian regime prisons.

Activists, CSOs, and prisoners' relatives attended the event, which called for increasing efforts to pressurize the Syrian regime to disclose the condition and whereabouts of forcibly disappeared Palestinian refugees.

In another development, Palestinian refugees sheltered in Syria's AlMuzeireeb town have sounded distress signals due to the swift propagation of COVID-19 in the area.

The refugees said the area has almost run out of oxygen cylinders and that there are almost no vacant beds in local health centres.

They denounced the absence of anti-coronavirus measures and the violation of precautionary protocols.

Data by the Syrian Health Ministry indicates that over the past 24 hours, 73 new coronavirus cases have been confirmed in Deraa, south of Syria.

Meanwhile, Greece's migration ministry has rejected claims from NGOs that refugees and migrants residing in camps across the



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country have been deprived of food. This comes after UNHCR handed over the cash assistance program to Greek authorities.

A group of 26 NGOs active in Greece released a statement on Monday (October 18), saying that many migrants and refugees in camps go hungry.

They called on the Greek government and the European Commission to ensure immediate access to food for people residing in facilities run by the migration ministry "regardless of their legal status." They also demanded of the government "to restore financial assistance to asylum seekers and recognized refugees."

The NGOs said that pregnant women, single-parent families, children and the chronically ill people are among those affected.

36,000 asylum seekers eligible to receive cash benefits have not received their money following a handover of the program from UN refugee agency UNHCR to Greek authorities on October 1, according to the NGOs.

Instead of money, these people "have been receiving portions of food, reportedly of very poor quality and often not fully cooked," the NGOs claimed.

The NGOs also said that "in some places food is not even provided to those who have been quarantined due to the coronavirus". Moreover, they estimated that 60% of migrants and refugees living in camps on the Greek mainland had not received food.



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Among the NGOs that signed the statement were prominent organizations such as the Greek Council for Refugees, Intersos, the International Rescue Committee, Lesbos Legal Center and the Greek branch of Terre des Hommes.

Earlier this month, Palestinian refugees and other migrants from the Nea Kavala camp in northern Greece protested against a rule that bans people with a rejected asylum case as well as recognized refugees from accessing food distribution points.

Along similar lines, 38 irregular migrants were rescued by Turkish Coast Guard off the coast of Izmir, west of Turkey, after they were pushed back from Greece.

The migrants were boarding two vessels. They were transferred to the provincial migration office.

Turkey has repeatedly condemned Greece's illegal practice of pushing back asylum seekers, saying it violates humanitarian values and international law by endangering the lives of vulnerable migrants, including women and children.

Turkey has been a key transit point for asylum seekers aiming to cross into Europe to start new lives, especially those fleeing war and persecution.