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Latest Developments

The Danish migration authorities have refused to renew the visa of a Palestinian refugee woman displaced from Yarmouk Camp.

Speaking with AGPS, Palestinian refugee woman Rehab Kasem said the judge of the grievance court ruled for deporting her from Denmark in a month after he claimed that Damascus is a safe zone.

Rehab obtained the Swedish citizenship in 2009 before she applied for humanitarian asylum. She said migration authorities failed to take into consideration the fact that she was displaced from Palestine following the Israeli invasion of 1948 and injured by chemical gas discharged by the Syrian regime.

She added that her house in Yarmouk Camp, south of Damascus, was completely destroyed in the warfare. She fled the camp following a deadly offensive launched by the Syrian regime and their Russian partners in 2012. She had taken shelter at a relative's house in Jobber. In August 2013, the Syrian regime showered the area with nerve gas and chemical weapons. She sustained a 50% lung damage and severe breathing disorders.

Over recent weeks, thousands of protesters have turned up for demonstrations and protests in 25 cities across Denmark to say no to the Danish government's withdrawal of residence permits for Syrian refugees.



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The protesters urged the Danish government to immediately stop plans to withdraw Syrian residence permits, after hundreds of Syrian refugees, including children, have been told by the Danish Immigration Service to return to Syria, assessing that Damascus and the surrounding areas are safe to return to. At least 39 Syrians have received their final assessment in the Refugee Board - and are now in a deportation position.

But Syria is far from being a safe country. Although military hostilities have diminished in most of the country, Syrian citizens continue to risk persecution and human rights abuses - including in Damascus and the surrounding area, where horrific human rights violations, extremely arbitrary arrests and extensive torture laboratories have been spotted.

Those who have been sent back to Syria are routinely subjected to interrogation by Syrian security forces. The security forces are known and notorious for being behind arbitrary detention, torture and murder. Wanting to send people back to such a risk is contrary to Denmark's human rights obligations.

Meanwhile, activists have launched calls for reconstructing Yarmouk Camp and allowing displaced residents to return to their houses and retrieve their property.

The activists said the return of families to the camp will help bring back the situation to normal and pressurize authorities and vital facilities to reopen their doors.



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Palestinian families continue to call on the concerned authorities to allow them a safe return to their homes in Yarmouk Camp, in Damascus, and to press ahead with reconstruction projects.

Over recent months, activists have warned against attempts by crooked real estate brokers to pressurize civilians to sell their homes and properties following the widely-condemned reconstruction plan proposed by Damascus Governorate.

Real estate dealers have reportedly established limited-liability contracting companies to buy real estate from the residents at extremely cheap prices. Civilians who have lost their property ownership documents have particularly come under simmering pressure.

In another development, UNRWA is seeking a long-term Assistant Legal Officer, Secretary, a Personal Assistant to the Commissioner-General, a Registration Assistant, Gender and Disability Integration Officer, Gender and Disability Integration Officer, a mathematics teacher, an Arabic language teacher, and a sewing/design trainer for its Syria office.

The Agency invites applications through inspira.un.org. The deadline is June 5, 2021.

UNRWA is a United Nations agency established by the General Assembly in 1949 and mandated to provide assistance and protection to some 5.7 million Palestine refugees registered with UNRWA across its five fields of operation. Its mission is to help Palestine refugees in Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, West Bank, including



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East Jerusalem and the Gaza Strip achieve their full human development potential, pending a just and lasting solution to their plight.

In the meantime, Palestinian refugee Yehya Reyad Gharib has been forcibly disappeared in Syria for the 8th consecutive year.

Yehya, born in 1979, was arrested on July 22, 2013 in Hums city.

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 550 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).

Meanwhile, Palestinian artists from Syria have participated in a cyber-exhibition held by the Palestinian Plastic Artists Association in Europe under the title “We Are All the Intifada of Jerusalem”.



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The two-week event was launched on Tuesday, May 25, to express solidarity with the Palestinians and anger at Israel's escalation in Jerusalem and the occupied Palestinian territories.