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"Toddler among Palestinian Family Members Detained by Turkish Gendarmerie"

- Palestinian Mother from Syria, Her Daughter Shot Dead on Border with Turkey
- Palestinian Factions Urge Syrian Leadership to Ease Return of Yarmouk Residents
- Two Palestinian Brothers Kept in Syrian Jails

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Latest Developments

A Palestinian family displaced from Yarmouk Camp has been detained by the Turkish border guards on a borderland with Turkey.

AGPS news correspondent said two men, two women, and an eight-month girl attempted to creep into Turkey on August 19, before they were arrested by the Turkish gendarmerie.

The Turkish cops transferred the family to a prison in Antakya, where a number of Palestinian and Syrian families fleeing the deadly warfare have also been held.



AGPS reporter sounded the alarm over the abject conditions endured by asylum-seeking families in the detention center, where men, women, and children are seen lying on the ground and have been receiving only one meal daily and limited quantities of water.

The detainees' families said they had reached out to the Palestine Embassy in Turkey but the latter said nothing can be done to work out the situation.

Palestinians caught on Turkish borderlands are often sent to jail and released days afterwards. Syrian nationals are immediately sent



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back to northern Syria or refugee camps set up on the Turkish borders.

The families appealed to the Turkish authorities to grant the displaced families asylum and not to deport them to war-stricken zones.

Turkey has suspended visas for Palestinians from Syria, blocking their access to its territories via legal routes.

Meanwhile, a Syrian family displaced from southern Damascus to northern Syria was fatally shot by the Turkish gendarmerie near the Syria-Turkey borders. The mother Reham AlSaleh and her child were pronounced dead while a young man sustained serious injuries.

The child, Sidra Karbash, succumbed to chest injuries. She was buried, along with her mother, in AlRami village, north of Syria.

The family's relatives and local activists held the Turkish officers responsible for the deaths. Others pointed the finger at pro-Syrian government militias deployed near the Turkish borders.

Similar shootings have occurred over recent years, the latest of which took away the life of the child Zein AlDeen Zeibaq, displaced from southern Damascus.

In another development, the Coalition of Palestinian Resistance Forces urged, in a letter, the Syrian leadership and president to press ahead with debris clearance in Yarmouk Camp so as to allow displaced civilians to return to their homes.



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Pro-government sources said the letter was delivered by Mohamed AlOmari on the first day of Eid AlAdhha (Feast of Sacrifice).

Syria's President Bashar AlAsad reportedly hailed Yarmouk residents, the Palestinian families, and families of slain and wounded civilians who supported the Syrian government all the way through the conflict.

Thousands of Palestinian refugees were killed by Syrian government forces during the seven-year warfare. Thousands more have gone displaced.

Meanwhile, Palestinian brothers Mohamed Kheir and Zaher Naser Ibrahim, from AlSabina Camp for Palestinian refugees in Rif Dimashq, have been incarcerated in Syrian government jails for over four years and a half.

Mohamed Kheir, born in 1994, was arrested on February 19, 2014; Zaher, born in 1986, was arrested on March 20, 2014, their family told AGPS, while appealing for information about their sons' fate.

According to AGPS data, over 1,691 Palestinian refugees have been enduring mysterious fates in Syrian government penitentiaries.

