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**"Displaced Residents of Yarmouk Camp Call for Urgent Action by Palestinian President"**

- Homes Risk to Collapse due to Waste Water in Damascus Neighborhood
- Palestinian Refugee Released after 3 Years in Syrian Prison
- Dutch Minister Calls for Constructive Debate over Management of Asylum Seekers' File

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## Latest developments

Activists and civilians displaced from Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian refugees, south of Damascus, have appealed to the Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas and the Palestinian political factions in Syria to take serious measures in order to facilitate the return of displaced families to the camp.

In their appeals, the refugees said the Palestinian Authority and all other concerned institutions should combine forces in order to pressurize the Syrian government to abandon the new organizational plan set forth by local authorities to reconstruct Yarmouk Camp and to rather work on preserving the demographic and historical idiosyncrasy of the shelter.

A number of activists have slammed the apathy of the PA President regarding civilians' ongoing cries for help, particularly following reports released by pro-government media outlets in Syria showing the Yarmouk's new rehabilitation plan. Activists warned that in case the plan is implemented, over half of the residents will not be able to return to their houses which they have abandoned in the bloody warfare.

Recently, AGPS has called on the Syrian authorities in Damascus to re-examine the new organizational plan put forth by Damascus governorate to rehabilitate Yarmouk Camp and to rather implement the old plan which was approved in 2004.

In a statement issued last week, AGPS said plans that do not take into account Palestinians' inalienable rights make part of underway



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conspiracies to further displace the Palestinian people and destroy displacement camps as living witnesses to their refugee plight.

The statement said the new organizational plan will remarkably change the demographic and architectural identity of the camp. Several buildings and facilities will be removed, which will lead to a mass displacement of refugee families and a further deterioration of their humanitarian condition.

Along similar lines, residents of AlHajar AlAswad neighborhood, where dozens of Palestinian refugee families are taking shelter, continue to set off alarm bells over the wastewater floods rocking the area.

Pictures circulated on social media networks show deluges of waste water swamping residential alleyways and buildings.

The families have called on the concerned authorities and relief institutions to make urgent steps in order to rinse out waste water and enhance hygiene in the area.

An activist told AGPS that scores of homes which have already been damaged by the shootouts are on the verge of falling apart.

Thousands of Palestinian refugees took shelter in AlHajar AlAswad, which came under heavy shelling since 2013 and a crippling siege after ISIS crept into the area. Offensives launched by the Syrian and Russian forces resulted in heavy material damage and took away the lives of dozens of civilians.



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In another development, the Syrian government forces released a Palestinian refugee after they kept him behind prison bars for three years. His name has been kept secret over security concerns.

An AGPS reporter said the detainee has been subjected to harsh psycho-physical torture all the way through his three-year detention term, during which his mother had gone through nightmarish days for fear that her son be killed under torture.

Meanwhile, Dutch Minister of Health, Welfare and Sport, Hugo de Jonge, said efforts should be intensified in the Netherlands to handle the file of migrants and asylum seekers.

The minister called on the government to hold an annual debate about migration pace so as to ensure that population growth keeps going in the country.

He added that the Netherlands might follow the policy pursued by the government of Canada in controlling the number of newcomers.