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Palestinian Refugees in Southern Syria Displacement Camp Raise Concerns over Security Turmoil

- Owners of Destroyed Houses Appeal for Recompensation
- Fires Break Out in Jaramana Camp Due to Short Circuit
- Power Cables Residents of AlSabina Camp

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Latest Developments

Residents of Deraa Camp for Palestinian refugees, south of Syria, have expressed concern over the security turmoil south of Syria due to increasing clashes between ISIS and pro-regime militias.

Tension has soared in the area following a suicide bombing targeting former opposition leader Gassan Abazid last Friday.

Only one family left the camp scores of others have been stranded inside their houses due to the curfew slapped on the area.

CSOs said a ceasefire has been announced. Groups affiliated with Muayad Kharfoush said they will be committed to the ceasefire to allow civilians a safe access out of the area.

CSOs also called on residents of AlSadd road to evacuate the area which has become a hotbed for ISIS militias and will reportedly be declared a closed military zone as of 12:00 p.m.

UNRWA also suspended classes at its schools over security concerns.

In another development, activists and residents of Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian refugees, south of Damascus, appealed to the Syrian authorities, UNRWA, the General Authority for Palestinian Arab Refugees (GAPAR) and the Palestine Liberation Organization to provide cash grants to residents whose houses have been completely destroyed.

Last year, Palestine Ambassador in Syria, Samir AlRefai said the reconstruction of destroyed houses in Yarmouk Camp remains a complicated task due to the severe damage inflicted on buildings.

AlRefai quoted the Syrian PM as stating, during a meeting with Palestinian factions in Damascus, that owners should pay for the reconstruction of their destroyed houses and that in return owners will have other floors added to their buildings for free.

In the meantime, fires broke out at a civilian house in Jaramana Camp for Palestinian refugees, in Rif Dimashq.

Heavy material damage was reported.



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The fires burst out in AlKhasas neighborhood. Material damage was inflicted on the house of Palestinian refugee Abu Thaer Hamdan due to a short circuit.

Civilians rushed to the scene to extinguish the fires and save the house owner and his children.

In the meantime, residents of AlSharkatli neighborhood in AlSabina Camp for Palestinian refugees, in Rif Dimashq, warned of increasing electrocution cases due to suspended power cables.

Suspended the length and breadth of its alleyways there is a web spun from electricity cables and water pipes. The result is deadly. Dozens of fatalities through electrocution have been recorded, many of which were children.

Palestinian families taking shelter in the area continue to rail against the chronic power outage which they said has also affected their access to potable water.

Civilians said the power crisis has made life unbearable in the area and urged local authorities to take serious measures in response to their appeals.

Located some 14 kilometers away from southern Damascus, AlSabina Camp has been gripped with an abject situation owing to the absence of humanitarian assistance, relief aid, proper infrastructure, and vital facilities.

UN data indicates that the camp was established in 1948. Before the conflict in Syria, the camp was home to 22,600 Palestine refugees. It was taken over by armed opposition groups in 2013. The camp remained closed to civilians for almost four years and houses and infrastructure were damaged in the fighting. In September 2017, civilians were able to return to their homes. All UNRWA installations were in need of repairs.

The whole Palestine population in AlSabina camp suffered from displacement during the crisis and many families left the country and sought refuge in neighboring countries or fled to Europe.

During the conflict, labor opportunities have dwindled and the unemployment rate is still very high with very limited financial resources to help Palestine refugees restore their livelihoods. Like other areas in Syria, displacement, inflation, protection and



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security risks are among the main concerns shared by Palestine refugees and Syrians alike.