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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"AGPS Underscores Situation of Palestinians of Syria at London Conference on UNRWA"

- Palestinian Refugees in Turkey Denounce Swift Price Leap
- Palestinian Refugees Push for Release of Forcibly Disappeared Persons
- Palestinian Girl Razan Omar Mustafa Secretly Held in Syrian Jail



Latest Developments

AGPS concluded on Saturday a successful contribution to the one-day conference about the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), held by the Palestinian Return Centre (PRC).

Titled "UNRWA at 70: Responding to Crises and Building a Just Future", the conference was held by PRC, in partnership with AlJazzeera Center for Studies and the European Center for Palestine Studies at the University of Exeter. It took place on Saturday, November 30, at a British Library venue.

AGPS representative, Ahmad Husain, spoke as part of the third session of the conference, entitled "the Unmaking of Palestinian Refugee Camps" and chaired by Karen AbuZayd. The session was devoted to discussions about the situation in refugee camps and communities across and outside UNRWA's fields of operations.



AGPS Chief Executive Officer, Ahmad Hosain, discussed the situation in Palestinian refugee camps and communities in wartorn Syria and the pace of UNRWA's operations both before and after the conflict.



Mr. Hosain also provided updated statistics about the number of victims and the serious human rights violations committed against the Palestine refugee community across the Syrian territories.

He further gave a set of recommendations, including the need for UNRWA to expand its geographical map to include registered Palestine refugees in Turkey, Egypt, and other destinations.

AGPS' Executive Director also stressed UNRWA's key role in providing life-saving services for the displaced Palestinian community in and outside Syria and called on the agency to adopt practical mechanisms in order to secure the refugees' physical, moral, and legal protection.

In another development, displaced Palestinian families from Syria have sounded distress signals over the dramatic price hike in the Turkish territories at a time when the exchange rate of the local currency has remarkably gone down.

Unemployment rates among the Palestinians of Syria have also hit unprecedented levels in Turkey. Scores of refugees have gone homeless and several others have been unable to make a living.

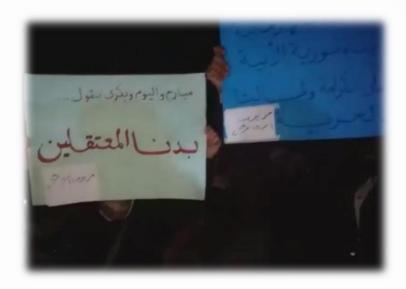
Prices of foodstuff and much-needed items have also seen a dramatic increase, overburdening even further the cash-stripped refugees.

The steep rental fees and absence of relief services have made the situation far worse, resulting in an increase in poverty rates among the refugees.



Meanwhile, residents of AlMuzeireeb town took to the streets on Sunday, calling on the Syrian government to release Palestinian and Syrian prisoners and disclose the fate of the victims of forced disappearance.

15 Palestinians, among them a woman, taking refuge in AlMuzeireeb area in Daraa have been enduring mysterious fates in Syrian state prisons.



AlMuzeireeb town, south of Daraa, is home to nearly 8,500 Palestinian refugees along with dozens of families who were displaced from Daraa Camp.

In the meantime, Palestinian refugee Razan Omar Mustafa, a resident of AlAyedeen camp, in Hama, has been enduring a mysterious fate in Syrian government prisons for the sixth consecutive year.

Razan was kidnapped by Syrian security forces from her home on September 12, 2013. Her condition and whereabouts remain unknown.



1,769 Palestinian refugees, including 108 women and girls, have been locked up in Syrian government dungeons, according to AGPS data.