

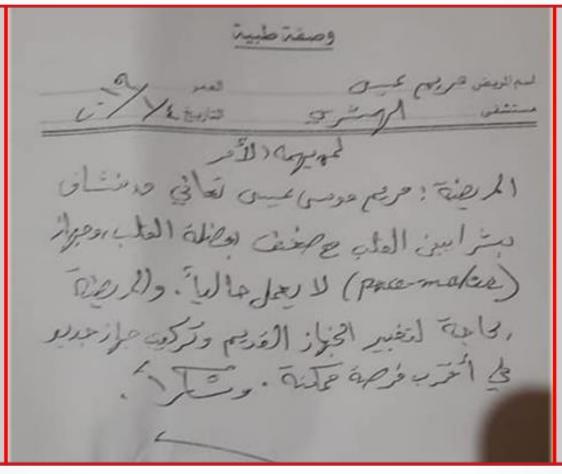
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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"Elderly Palestinian Woman in Syria Needs Urgent Pacemaker Implantation"

- Displaced Families Sign Petition Urging Syrian Authorities to Rehabilitate Yarmouk Camp
- Smart Bus Stop Installed in AlNeirab Camp for Palestinian Refugees in Aleppo
- Palestinian Refugee Spotted in Syrian Jail

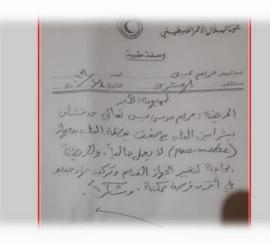


Latest Developments

Elderly Palestinian refugee Meriam Mousa Issa, born in 1932, is in need of an urgent pacemaker to help her recover her normal heartbeat.

Displaced from Yarmouk Camp, south of Damascus, to Ein AlHilweh Camp, south of Lebanon, Meriam suffers from cardiovascular disorders, heart failure, and disorders in her normal heart rate. She cannot afford the fees needed for an urgent pacemaker implantation.

Her family appealed to all concerned parties to stand by her and help her secure treatment charges, estimated at \$5,000. UNRWA has shelled out \$1,350 and the Palestine Embassy disbursed \$800 in aid.



The family said it has failed to secure the remaining sum due to their dire conditions.

Several years ago, Palestinian refugee Meriam Mousa Issa underwent a pacemaker implantation in Syria. However, a new such device should be implanted to replace the old one.



Meanwhile, a petition was handed over by the residents of Yarmouk Camp to Damascus governor Adel Anwar AlAlabi, urging local authorities to smooth the return of displaced families to their homes.

The 200-page petition, signed by 3,000 residents of Yarmouk Camp, called on the Syrian authorities to work on facilitating their immediate return to their homes and to rehabilitate destroyed infrastructure and facilities.

The residents expressed their readiness for voluntary work and to actively take part in reconstruction works.

Damascus governor pledged to seriously take all necessary steps to facilitate civilians' return to their homes and reconstruct vital structures.

Activists lashed out at the apathy maintained by the Syrian authorities as regards civilians' appeals to return to their homes and recover their belongings.



A decision issued by Syria's Council of Ministers during its weekly session, held on November 11, tasked local authorities in Damascus with rehabilitating infrastructure and destroyed facilities in Yarmouk Camp so as to pave the way for the safe return of the displaced residents.

Activists slammed the decision, which they said overlooks Yarmouk's geo-historical idiosyncrasy and denies its long-standing status as a refugee camp.

In another development, a smart bus stop was installed by civil society representatives from the so-called Umniyah Project, in partnership with the Palestinian Red Crescent Society, and UNICEF.



Volunteer students installed lighting kit and USB devices to charge mobile phones at the new stop and cleaned the environs of the nearby school.



Meanwhile, ex-detainee Mu'awiya AlHaji said he had met the Palestinian refugee Muhammad Abdul Fattah, a resident of Yarmouk Camp, in a Syrian state prison.

The ex-prisoner said Abdul Fattah was transferred from Branch 291 to the Sednaya military prison, north of Damascus, in 2014.

AGPS documented the incarceration of 1,728 Palestinian refugees in Syrian government dungeons, where 568 others were also tortured to death.