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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"Palestinian Refugees Subjected to Daily Fines in Jordan"

- Over 20 Shops Rehabilitated in Yarmouk Camp
- Violence against Students Reported in Northern Syria Displacement Camp
- PLA Releases Captives following Presidential Amnesty
- Palestinian Refugee Siraj Abu Reya Forcibly Disappeared in Syria for 7th Year



Latest Developments

Palestinian refugees who illegally entered Jordan holding Syrian travel documents said the Jordanian authorities impose a sum of a dinar and a half (over 2 USD) on every day spent in Jordan starting their entry date.

In appeals emailed to AGPS, the refugees urged the Jordanian authorities to exempt them from such charges due to their dire socio-economic condition.

They further called on UNRWA to work out their legal situation and pressurize the Jordanian authorities to backtrack on the fines.

Palestinian refugees in Jordan are confronted with increased hardship and vulnerability, due to long-term displacement and difficult socio-economic conditions, coupled with the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic.

UNRWA said Palestinian refugees in Jordan are highly vulnerable and hundreds of recorded refugees are members of female-headed households, which increases their vulnerability.

Palestinian refugees who have entered from conflict zones, including Syria, to Jordan irregularly are living under continuous risk of arrest, detention and potential for forced deportation. Their lack of legal status and corresponding protection risks in Jordan are a source of major concern.



In another development, shopkeepers in Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian refugees, in Damascus, said they have started reconstructing their shops after they got permits to that end from local authorities.

Activists told AGPS that over 20 commercial structures have been rehabilitated in Yarmouk at a sum of 30 million Syrian pounds.

Over recent months, activists have warned against attempts by crooked real estate brokers to pressurize civilians to sell their homes and properties following the widely-condemned reconstruction plan proposed by Damascus Governorate.

Real estate dealers have reportedly established limited-liability contracting companies to buy real estate from the residents at extremely cheap prices. Civilians who have lost their property ownership documents have particularly come under simmering pressure.

Meanwhile, displaced Palestinian and Syrian families sheltered in Deir Ballout camp, in Efrin, north of Syria, said their children have been subjected to violent treatment at the local school.

A father told AGPS that his child was heavily beaten by the school headmaster and called for holding him to account.

The waves of forced deportation and mass displacement have led to overcrowding in schools and educational premises in most of the areas where Palestinians have sought refuge. As many as 70 students are often crammed in a single classroom, resulting in a



poor academic output. The acute shortage in school furniture along with the families' inability to shell out education fees have made the situation far worse. A student is expected to pay as much as 15 thousand SYP with the start of the scholastic year.

The number of Palestinian students in northern Syria is estimated at 3,000, while the number of teachers does not exceed 30, most of whom are females.

In the meantime, a number of conscripts held captive by the Palestine Liberation Army (PLA) were freed after Syrian President Bashar Assad issued a decree Sunday granting amnesty and reducing sentences for several categories of crime committed before May 2.

Eye-witnesses told AGPS that a number of Palestinian detainees were seen outside of the PLA's Central Prison in Jaramana, in Rif Dimashq.

The Presidential Amnesty did not, however, include thousands of Palestinian and Syrian prisoners held on security/political grounds and in such notorious lock-ups as Sednaya.

Lists of hundreds of forcibly disappeared Palestinian refugees and victims in Syria are available on AGPS website, both in English and Arabic. AGPS supplies a database of their names and possible times and places of arrest.



AGPS has documented the secret detention of over 1,790 Palestinian refugees, including women and minors, in Syrian government lock-ups.

Along similar lines, Palestinian refugee Siraj Abu Reya has been secretly held in Syrian state-run prisons since 2014.

Siraj, born in 1985, was arrested on January 05, 2014 in Ali AlWahsh neighborhood, in Hjeira town, south of Damascus as he attempted to leave the ravaged Yarmouk refugee camp.