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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"Palestinian Refugee Families Blackmailed by Pro-Regime Militia in Syria"

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Latest Developments

A number of Palestinian refugee families have been blackmailed by Liwaa AlQuds brigade affiliated with the Syrian regime, as they appealed for the release of their relatives who have been arbitrarily arrested by the militia.

Palestinian refugees have been charged with counterfeit accusations, including drug trafficking, sexual abuse, and affiliations with rival parties in order to force their families to pay large sums of money to avoid fatal torture and long prison-terms.

Last week, Liwaa AlQuds brigade arrested a resident of AlNeirab Camp for Palestinian refugees over claims of drug-trafficking.

Local sources denied the accusations and told AGPS that the arrestee—Ahmad Ali Meyari—has achieved outstanding school results and has a good reputation. Ahmad got the highest score (238/240) at his final secondary school exams.

Over recent years, members of Liwaa AlQuds armed group have been accused of running a network for drug trafficking in AlNeirab displacement camp and adjacent areas.

Drug distribution is often carried out by children aged below 18 and members of cash-strapped and vulnerable families who are exploited by illicit drug trafficking networks which are subject to drug prohibition laws.



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Along similar lines, Syrian regime forces early Sunday escalated attacks on the southern city of Deraa, including its Palestinian refugee camp.

According to Anadolu Agency, the Iranian-backed 4th Division militia group targeted the neighborhood with intense attacks after four days.

Noting that Assad regime forces broke a cease-fire agreement reached September 1, the same source said the regime aimed to force residents to migrate.

Machine guns, mortar artillery, tanks, and grad missiles were used in the attacks.

Since July 29, the Bashar al-Assad regime and Iranian-backed militias have launched a ground operation on the neighborhood, triggering clashes that spread across the countryside.

Deraa was blockaded by regime forces on June 25 after residents, including former members of the Syrian opposition, resisted an order to surrender light weapons and allow regime forces to search houses in the area.

During recent Russian-led mediation talks with the opposition, regime forces demanded that residents and armed opposition groups surrender all light weapons and allow home searches and the setting up of nine checkpoints in the neighborhood.

The demands, however, were rejected by the Daraa-based Reconciliation Center which was negotiating on behalf of the



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residents, prompting the regime to conduct fresh attacks on the besieged city.

Daraa, known as the birthplace of the Syrian revolution, is home to 40,000 residents and was an opposition stronghold until 2018.

In another development, Rif Dimashq Governorate has started receiving demands by residents of AlHajar AlAswad neighborhood to return to their houses and retrieve their property.

Efforts have been ongoing by the Governorate to reconstruct the infrastructure in AlHajar AlAswad, near Yarmouk Camp, where hundreds of displaced Palestinian families have sought shelter.

Damascus Governorate said that over 70% of infrastructure has been rehabilitated in the nearby AlThwarah and Tishreen neighborhoods.

It pledged to speed up works to reconstruct the sanitation, water, power, and telecommunications networks.

Meanwhile, UNRWA delivered cash grants to Palestinians from Syria (PRS) in Jordan.

Every registered family member received a cash grant of 70,800 Jordanian dinars.

The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) said PRS in Jordan continue to be exposed to a number of protection issues. Those without Jordanian documents who have entered from Syria and remained



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in Jordan irregularly are particularly vulnerable. They live under continuous risk of arrest, detention and potential forced return to Syria.

Following years of protracted displacement, many PRS have exhausted their coping mechanisms and rely on relief assistance to cover their basic needs.

In its fact sheet entitled “Syria Regional Crisis Emergency Appeal 2021”, UNRWA said that PRS 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.

More than 2 million Palestine refugees registered with UNRWA live in Jordan.

There are ten recognized Palestine refugee camps throughout the country, which accommodate nearly 370,000 Palestine refugees. Jordan hosts the largest number of Palestine refugees of all of the UNWRA fields.

The majority of Palestine refugees have sought humanitarian assistance in Jordan, where they continue to suffer from abject poverty and live in a precarious legal status.

In the meantime, Palestinian child from Syria Wafaa Emad Aboura, aged 8, has earned the third place in the Mental Arithmetic Tournament held in Dubai.



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Hundreds of displaced Palestinian refugees in/from Syria have achieved success stories, despite the traumatic upshots wrought by the daily scenes of bloodshed and destruction across the embattled Syrian territories.

This includes scores of refugee students who have obtained the highest scores at their academic institutions; hundreds of refugee sportsmen/sportswomen who snatched the first places in regional and international competitions; dozens of artists who received renowned literary awards for their products and performances; and several housewives who turned trauma into a space of creativity.

The conflict in Syria has had traumatic fallouts on Palestinian refugee children in and outside of Syria. Post-traumatic stress disorders, mental psychosis, sleeplessness and nightmares, eating disorders, and intense fear have all been reported among Palestinian children from Syria.