

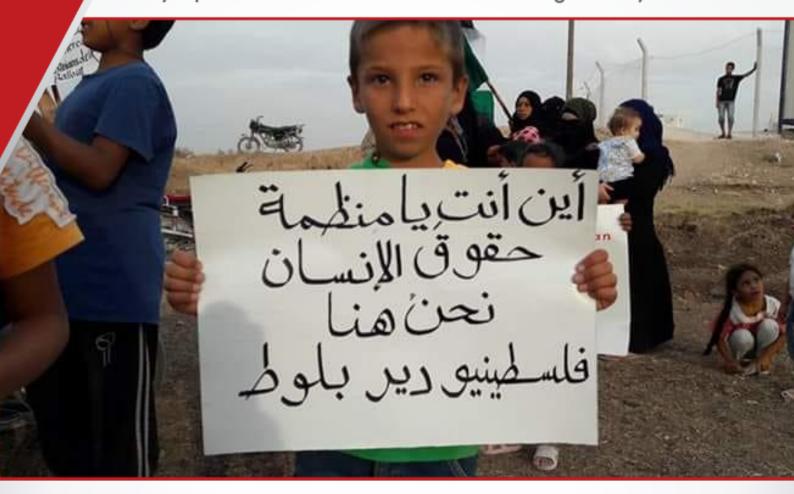
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الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية

Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"Displaced Palestinian Refugees in Northern Syria Launch Cry for Help"

- Palestinian Refugee Killed in Latakia
- Daraa Camp for Palestinian Refugees Grappling with Power Blackout
- Palestinian Refugee Mohamed Ghanam Released by Anonymous Militia
- Japan Contributes \$7 Million in Aid for Palestine Refugees from Syria
- Palestinian Refugee Islam Arsan Locked Up in Syrian State Jail for 7th Year



Victims

Palestinian refugee Ayman Saad Hasan, born in 1985, was killed in a shooting attack on the Latakia-based Officers Club.

The drive-by shooting was carried out by two gunmen driving a Daihatsu car. Life ammunition and hand grenades were unleashed, killing Ayman who was onboard a Suzuki car.

Liwaa AlQuds brigade, affiliated with the Syrian government, denied, on its Facebook page, allegations that one of its members stood behind the drive-by shooting.

Liwaa AlQuds added that Ayman, from Handarat Camp, was accidently killed as he passed through the area at the time of the attack.



Latest Developments

Dozens of displaced Palestinians who were forcibly deported to northern Syria continue to urge UNRWA and the other concerned institutions to take urgent action regarding their abject conditions.



In appeals emailed to AGPS, the refugees expressed their deep concern over the fate of their children in light of the apathy maintained by URNWA and other human rights institutions.

Dozens of families displaced from Yarmouk Camp and southern Damascus have been struggling for survival in impoverished refugee camps set up north of Syria, amid a striking apathy by the Palestinian Authority, Palestinian factions, and UNRWA, among other concerned bodies.



In another development, an anonymous gang released the Palestinian refugee Mohamed Ghanam, a resident of AlNeirab Camp in Aleppo, after they arbitrarily held him captive for nearly 30 days.

Scores of Palestinian refugees have been killed and dozens kidnapped by armed militias in war-torn Syria. Their families have often been subjected to blackmailing in exchange for information about their conditions and whereabouts.

In the meantime, residents of Daraa Camp for Palestinian refugees south of Syria have called on the concerned authorities to work on rehabilitating power networks in the area.



Civilians said power lines which were damaged as a result of the heavy shelling rocking the area have gone through frequent blackouts.

All the way through the eight-year conflict, the Syrian government forces tightened grip on Daraa residents, blocking their access to aid items and cutting drinking water for months. Over 80% of civilian buildings and facilities also sustained heavy damage in the rampant shelling on the camp.

Meanwhile, the Government of Japan has contributed US\$ 7 million to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA). The sum will go towards the Agency's core programs of health care, sanitation, and hygiene for Palestinian refugees in Syria and Lebanon.



Last week, Japan has contributed US\$ 23 million to UNRWA. The agreement was signed by the Japanese Ambassador for Palestinian Affairs and Representative of Japan to Palestine, Takeshi Okubo, and UNRWA Commissioner-General, Pierre Krähenbühl. Of this crucial contribution, US\$ 17.7 million will go towards the Agency's



core programs of education, health care and improved living conditions for 5.4 million Palestine refugees across all five fields of UNRWA operation. An additional US\$ 4.5 million will be used to improve the quality of UNRWA health services in the occupied Palestinian territory, Lebanon and Syria and another US\$ 800,000 will contribute to the education of Palestine refugee children affected by the conflict in Syria.

UNRWA is confronted with an increased demand for services resulting from a growth in the number of registered Palestine refugees, the extent of their vulnerability and their deepening poverty. As a result, the UNRWA program budget, which supports the delivery of core essential services, operates with a large shortfall.

Meanwhile, Palestinian refugee Islam Abdullah Arsan has been kept in Syrian state jails for the seventh year running.

Islam, a resident of Khan Dannun Camp for Palestinian refugees, was arrested by security forces from the Sa'sa' Branch in Darousha, in Rif Dimashq, on May 8, 2012.

AGPS kept record of the secret incarceration of 1,732 Palestinian refugees, including 108 women and girls, in Syrian government prisons.