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Rocket Slammed into Deraa Camp for Palestinian Refugees in Syria

- Hague Court Rules for Keeping Palestinian Refugee in Custody over War Crime Allegations in Syria
- Palestinian Refugee Woman Rescued off Aegean Sea
- 3 Palestinian Refugees Win Best Teacher Award in Syria

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Latest Developments

A rocket hit Deraa Camp for Palestinian refugees, south of Syria, resulting in heavy material damage.

15 families fled the southern corners of the camp due to the security turmoil rocking the area, where violence between armed groups and ISIS militiamen have reportedly gone unabated for the tenth consecutive day. Snipers have also been spotted in the area.

The camp, once home to 10,000 Palestine refugees, was severely damaged during the conflict. Since their displacement, over 3,700 Palestine refugees have returned to Dera'a, where they faced extremely difficult living conditions, extensive damage and limited access to basic infrastructure. UNRWA is their sole provider of basic services.

UN data indicates that over 40 per cent of Palestine refugees living in Syria are displaced internally, with over 90 per cent living on less than US\$ 2 a day. Twelve years of conflict, coupled with the global COVID-19 pandemic, as well as the impact of the crisis in Ukraine on food prices, make it increasingly difficult for many Palestine refugees to pay rent outside camps. Many have no other choice but to return to living amidst the rubble of their damaged or destroyed homes.

In another development, the Hague Court in the Netherlands turned down appeals for releasing the Palestinian refugee Mustafa A. Dahoudi who is being tried in the Netherlands over charges of involvement in war crimes in Syria.

Last Monday, the Public Prosecutor said, during a preliminary hearing at the court in The Hague, that more details should be provided in the coming months.

Under universal jurisdiction, the Netherlands can prosecute certain crimes even if they were committed abroad. A court in The Hague convicted another Syrian asylum-seeker, Ahmad al-K., last year for war crimes for executing a Syrian Army soldier, an event that was captured on video.

The convict was arrested by Dutch police on Tuesday, May 24, at his house in Kerkrade village over suspicions of involvement in war



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crimes and crimes against humanity. The refugee was a resident of AlNeirab Camp, in the northern Syrian province of Aleppo. He was born on April 18, 1986. He has been living in The Netherlands since 2020 and fought alongside the Liwaa AlQuds group, affiliated with the Syrian regime.

Mustafa has denied the accusations, saying he joined Liwaa AlQuds "only to defend the place where I was born and raised".

According to the defendant's lawyer, "There is no indication that Mustafa knew of possible acts of violence committed by Liwaa AlQuds brigade. He quoted him as saying, "I has been imprisoned for six months, and this is cruel."

The Public Prosecution said that in January 2013, Mustafa was involved in the violent arrest of a civilian from his home, who was later tortured in a prison run by the Syrian Air Force Intelligence, and there are strong indications that Mustafa was involved in another violent arrest.

Meanwhile, Greek coast guard rescued a total of four illegal Palestinian migrants at sea, south of Samos island in the East Aegean.

The Palestinian Ministry of Foreign Affairs said police located and rescued four migrants who told authorities they were onboard an inflatable dinghy before it capsized on October 31.

The migrants are Mohamed Masoud, Husain Sarjoun, Ahmed Achour, and Fatma Qweidar, residents of AlMaghareba neighborhood, in Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian refugees, in Damascus.

The Turkish authorities informed the Ministry that a man—identified as Mohamed Qweidar (Fatma's father)—was found dead at sea. The body was transferred to the Forensic Medicine Foundation in Izmir and buried sometime later.

In the meantime, three instructors at schools run by the UN Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) in Syria came on top of the winners list at the Mohammed bin Zayed Award for the Best GCC Teacher competition.

Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces, launched

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the MBZ Award has been launched in Abu Dhabi. It grants valuable awards for the winning teachers, which amount to 6 million Dirhams.

The refugees are Hend Barkanda and Lina Gharali, two Arabic instructors in Damascus, along with Rahaf AlDabesh, a mathematics teacher in Damascus.

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.