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## الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية

Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"AGPS: Alarm Sounded over Tragedy of Displaced Palestinians North of Syria"

- Situation of Palestinian Refugees Exacerbated by Freezing Temperatures North of Svria
- Newly-Formed Group Speaks Up for Displaced Palestinians in I'zaz Camp
- Number of Palestinians from Syria in Egypt Goes Down
- Palestinian Medic Secretly Held in Syrian State Jail for 8th Year



## **Latest Developments**

Palestinian refugees who have been deported to Idlib, north of Syria, continue to launch cries for help over the security turmoil rocking the area, days after a bloody shootout between Tahrir AlSham and the National Front for Liberation took away the life of a civilian and left others wounded, among them six children.

The refugees have also railed against the apathy maintained by UNRWA as regards the tragic situation endured by dozens of displaced families in the area.



AGPS appeals to the Syrian authorities and concerned human rights bodies to take urgent action in order to protect civilians' life and provide them with much-needed services and relief items.

Along the same line, displaced Palestinian families in Deir Ballout and AlMuhamadiya refugee camps, north of Syria, have been grappling with calamitous conditions as their tents continue to be flooded with water and torrential downpours.



Pictures and videos circulated on social media show dozens of tents as being swamped by rain deluges while children appear to be shivering of cold in the poverty-stricken area.

Hundreds of displaced families who were forcibly deported to the northern region continue to sound distress signals as a freezing winter season has overwhelmed the Middle East.

Refugee families and activists continue to lash out at the UNRWA, the Palestinian Authority, and the Palestine Liberation Organization for failing to take up their responsibilities regarding the tragic situation north of Syria.

Meanwhile, activists who were deported to northern Syria announced the launch of the Association of Displaced Palestinians in and around I'zaz.

The association said in its founding statement that it has seen the day as a result of the tragic situation endured by the displaced Palestinian families north of Syria, which it said is a reminder of the Palestinian Nakba of 1948.

Some 80 families displaced from Yarmouk and southern Damascus have been struggling for survival in the impoverished I'zaz refugee camp.

In another development, the number of Palestinians who fled war-torn Syria to Egypt has dramatically shrunk back over the past three years.

An AGPS correspondent said the number of Palestinian refugees from Syria in Egypt in 2018 was estimated at 3,500, down from over



6,000 in recent years. Some 500 refugees illegally entered Egypt through Sudan.

The decrease has been attributed to the mistreatment and crackdowns perpetrated against the refugees in the Egyptian territories, where they have been treated as foreigners rather than asylum-seekers fleeing war-stricken zones. Palestinians have, thus, been denied the right to legal visas, refugee documents, safe accommodation, basic services, relief assistance, free education and healthcare, and access to the local labor market.

In the meantime, Palestinian refugee Radi Mohamed Saleh, nicknamed Shakosh, has been incarcerated in Syrian jails for the eighth consecutive year.

Shakosh was kidnapped by the Syrian intelligence forces on August 11, 2011 outside of his clinic in Khan Eshieh Camp. His fate has been shrouded in mystery.

AGPS documented the internment of over 1,720 Palestinian refugees in Syrian state prisons, among them 105 women and girls.

