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Latest Developments

11 Palestinian refugees were gunned down by Turkish gendarmerie as they attempted to enter the Turkish territories, fleeing war-torn Syria.

The list of casualties includes Mohamed Ahmed AlKhalili, from Yarmouk Camp. He was shot dead while attempting to enter Turkey, along with his wife and children, in February 2016.

In March, 2016, 15-year-old Yazen Ghazi Bilal, from Daraa Camp, was shot as he fled ISIS-held zones in Douidiya, near I'zaz region, on the Turkish-Syrian borders.



On April 14, 2016, Palestinian refugee Emad Azzouz, his wife Amena Salah, and Hanan Mousa, from AlSayeda Zeinab Camp, were shot at the Ibrahim Khalil Khabour Turkish crossing point with Syria. Their toddler survived the shooting.

In the same month, Palestinian refugee Mohamed Ghazawi, from Yarmouk Camp, was shot dead by the Turkish border cops. One



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month later, Saadou Hasan Zaghmout, also from Yarmouk, was fatally shot.

On June 23, 2018, four Palestinian refugees were shot dead: Bahaa Reyad Assaad, Mohamed Fayez Assaad, Ahmad Fawaz Assaad, and Ahmad AlSheikh Assaad, all residents of Yarmouk Camp.

Activists have lashed out at the Turkish gendarmerie for infringing international laws and have called for serious probes into shooting attacks and crackdowns perpetrated against Palestinian refugees fleeing war-torn Syria.

AGPS also kept record of the abduction of scores of refugees as they attempted to enter the Turkish territories.

The Turkish embassies continues to prevent Palestinian refugees from Syria from obtaining visas. As a result, hundreds of Palestinians from Syria have embarked on life-threatening journeys via illegal immigration roads to reach Turkey and other launch-off destinations to Europe.

Palestinians from Syria in Turkey have been facing dire living conditions due to the lack of financial resources and restrictions on their access to the labor market. Several families were forced to return to Syria while others have sought asylum in nearby countries.

In the meantime, a delegation of the International Red Cross paid a visit to Handarat Camp for Palestinian refugees in Aleppo in an attempt to follow up on the situation endured by civilians in the area.



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The delegation pledged to keep up efforts in order to secure drinking water and increase the number of water tanks.

Sometime earlier, the International Committee of the Red Cross delivered 10 water tanks in Handarat Camp, in response to the increase in the number of returnees.



Handarat Camp (also called Ein AlTel Camp) is located to the northeast of Aleppo's Hill, overseeing the Turkey-bound traffic lanes. It stands on a rocky hill and is situated some 13 kilometers away from the city center.

According to data by the General Commission of Arab Palestinian Refugees in Syria, some 8,000 Palestinian refugees used to take shelter in Handarat Camp. Only 175 displaced families returned to the camp following the heavy onslaughts launched by the Syrian government battalions.

Meanwhile, a free medical day was staged by the Popular Action Commission for the residents of AlSayeda Zeinab Camp for Palestinian refugees, in Rif Dimashq.



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A seminar held by medics as part of the event raised civilians' awareness about healthy food habits.

Four medical specialists took part in the event and provided bone pain check-ups and diabetes diagnoses. Patients received free medicines. Dr. Mohamed Sharkawi delivered a presentation about healthy nutrition and held a workshop to sensitize children to the dangers of ready-made food

Over 25 Palestinian refugees have been diagnosed with cancer in AlSayeda Zeinab Camp, in Rif Dimashq.

On February 9, a 40-year-old Palestinian refugee succumbed to a lung cancer that infected his body. Other cancer-stricken patients have been left without treatment.

The propagation of deadly tumors has been attributed to the pollution overwhelming war-torn Syria and the spread of war remnants and toxic contaminants across residential neighborhoods. The poor hygiene has made Palestinian refugee camps a fertile ground for life-threatening germs and diseases.

Sick Palestinian refugees in Syria have faced enormous difficulties trying to secure treatment fees in an area that has been struck by poverty and unemployment.

AlSayeda Zeinab Camp, held by the Syrian government forces and their affiliated popular committees, has been gripped with dire socio-economic conditions as a result of the high rates of unemployment. Scores of civilians have fled the camp while others have been forced to join pro-government battalions.



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In another development, the “Families for Freedom” movement called for a rally in Brussels in solidarity with the missing and detained people in Syria.

A so-called “Bus for Freedom” trip staged by the movement embarked from London in November 2017, passing through European countries and carrying pictures of victims of enforced disappearance in Syria.

The list of passengers includes six Syrian women whose relatives have fallen prey to secret detention in Syria. Lawyer Noura Ghazi, the wife of Basel Safadi Khartabil who was killed in Syrian state jails, also appears onboard of the bus.



The campaigners said the “Freedom Bus” will land in Brussels at the Place du Luxembourg on Wednesday March 13 at 12 a.m. The bus will be parked near the European Parliament at a time when the Brussels III Conference on "Supporting the Future of Syria and the Region" is set to be convened.



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The movement pledged to keep up rallies in an attempt to push for the release of thousands of persons who have been held in Syrian government dungeons and held captive by ISIS and other warring militias across the Syrian territories.

The movement also vowed to continue to speak up for the families whose relatives have been tortured in jail.

The women-led movement said it will keep on pressurizing stakeholders who will discuss the future of Syria at the Brussels Conference to take urgent action regarding the fate of hundreds of missing persons and push for the prosecution of those standing behind such “crimes against humanity”.