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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"AGPS Warns of Tragic Situation of Displaced Palestinians North of Syria at UNHRC"

- Palestinian Family Calls for Saving Sick Child as Her Health Gets Worse
- Palestinian Delegation Pops in Yarmouk Camp
- Migrant Boat Disappears after Sailing from Lebanese Waters



Latest Developments

AGPS, in partnership with the Palestinian Return Centre (PRC), sounded the alarm over the situation of the Palestinian refugees deported to northern Syria.

This came in a report passed on to the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) in Geneva on September 19, 2018 as part of the 39th session.

The document covers the sweeps of forced deportation of Palestinians to Idlib, north of Syria, where nearly 1,300 Palestinian families have been scattered across 12 locations ever since the Syrian government forces recaptured Damascus' southern zones and Eastern al-Ghouta.



The report underscores the abject living conditions undergone by the displaced Palestinian communities north of Syria, deemed as the most tension-stricken region across the Syrian territories.

It further warned of UNRWA's dragging of its feet regarding the tragic situation wrought on hundreds of displaced Palestinian families in areas held by the Syrian government.



The document calls for serious efforts to secure Palestinians' legal and physical protection.

Meanwhile, Palestinian refugee Sa'id Sheikh Khaled appealed to the human rights institutions nationwide and overseas to work on providing his child Malak with medical therapy after her health has taken a turn for the worse as a result of the tough blockade imposed on Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian refugees, south of Damascus.



Malak, barely aged four, has been diagnosed with strange symptoms ever since she was six-month-old. Her family said the girl is unable to grasp what is going on around her, does not property eat food, and can hardly stand on her feet.

"In order to feed her, we should grind the food, close her nose so as to help her chew it for she does not know what she exactly has to do", her father said. "My daughter has grown up in the embattled Yarmouk Camp. Every now and then, doctors used to examine her. But nobody could identify what sort of disease she is exactly suffering from."



"Our family reached Turkey following a mountainous journey. Medics in Antakia also failed to determine her disease", he added. "My daughter has been left without Treatment in Syria and Turkey. Her health condition is remarkably going downhill."

The father said the Turkish authorities have not granted them the "kimlik" visa card, making the situation far worse for the displaced family.

Unofficial statistics indicate that 8,000 Palestinians from Syria have sought shelter in Turkey, where they have been facing dire socioeconomic conditions and denied access to the local labor market.

In the meantime, a delegation of Palestinian factions showed up on Wednesday in Yarmouk Camp in an attempt to keep tabs on debris-clearance in the area.

Representatives of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) and of the National Factions in Syria hailed underway efforts by local residents and volunteers to remove debris from the camp to give way for reconstruction projects.



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On October 3, a meeting was held at the Syrian National Council in Damascus to discuss the latest developments in this regard.

Along the same line, a Cyprus-bound migrant boat has reportedly disappeared after it set sail from Lebanon.

The Rescue and Follow-Up Committee said it has received several communiqués about the missing boat. But no details have yet been revealed about the migrants' whereabouts and condition.

Activists from Cyprus said a boat carrying 20 migrants, among them eight children, two women, and 10 men, disembarked in Cyprus.

On September 22, 2018, five-year-old Palestinian child from Syria Khaled Nejmah drowned at sea after a Cyprus-bound boat carrying Palestinian and Syrian migrants tipped over off Akkar coast, north of Lebanon.

According to AGPS figures, 51 Palestinians from Syria have been pronounced dead onboard the "death boats" to Europe.