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## التقرير اليومي الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية

Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"Detained Palestinian Refugee in Turkey on Hunger Strike for 5th Day"

- UNRWA Schools in Khan Dannun Camp Left without Heating Equipment
- Palestinians from Syria in AlMiyah wa Miyah Camp Gripped with Dire Conditions
- Work Paper Warns of Tragic Situation of Palestinians from Syria



## **Latest Developments**

Palestinian refugee from Syria Mootaz Mohammad Fayad has been on an open-ended hunger strike since December 5, protesting his arbitrary detention in Turkish jails for over 55 days.

The Turkish police summoned Mootaz to questioning on October 17, 2018. He was arrested right as he turned himself in for interrogation.



A lawyer appointed by the wife managed to cancel a deportation order issued against him and appealed against the detention of Mootaz without clear charges.

In a letter to his wife and four children, Mootaz said that he has run out of patience and that he misses them to death, adding that he will keep up his hunger strike until the Turkish authorities end his groundless incarceration.

His wife appealed to all concerned human rights institutions, political factions, and the Palestine Embassy to take urgent action in order to pressurize the Turkish authorities to release her husband before it is too late.



Meanwhile, parents of schoolchildren in Khan Dannun Camp for Palestinian refugees have denounced the lack of heating equipment at the UNRWA primary schools in the area.

The parents said their children have caught life-threatening diseases due to the freezing temperatures rocking the region, saying their children's academic output as gone downhill owing to the absence of vital services.



The families appealed to the concerned authorities, UNRWA, and popular committees to install heaters at schools and provide fuel supplies quite urgently needed during the winter.

Over recent years, the residents of Khan Dannun Camp have kept denouncing the absence of a municipal council to keep tabs on the dire conditions endured by the refugees and take note of their most urgent needs. The transportation crisis, price leap, absence of relief assistance and healthcare, power and water crises, and high rates of unemployment have made the situation far worse.

Along the same line, Palestinian families from Syria sheltered in AlMiyah wa Miyah Camp in the southern Lebanese city of Sidon,



have launched, in letters emailed to AGPS, cries for help over their abject living conditions.

Palestinian families said they have been grappling with an acute dearth in financial resources in the poverty-stricken camp.

The refugees lashed out at the human rights institutions and the relief charities for dragging their feet vis-à-vis the crisis, saying the efforts sporadically made by Palestinian factions in Lebanon do not live up to the refugees' needs.

Dozens of families have not received aids for months and have been denied access to the local labor market. The fluctuating policies pursued by the Lebanese authorities and their reluctance to renew the refugees' residence permits have added bad to worse.

Meanwhile, a working paper presented by researcher Ibrahim AlAli spotlighted the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria.



The work paper, delivered as part of Diwan AlWatan event, held on December 8 in Ankara, underscored the calamitous conditions endured by the Palestinians of Syria along with the latest statistics



and updates about the number of victims and detainees and the violations they have been subjected to inside and outside of the Syrian territories.

AlAli further raised alarm bells over the tragic situation of the displaced Palestinian refugees in Deir Ballout Camp, north of Syria.