



مجموعة العمل من أجل فلسطينيي سورية
Action Group For Palestinians of Syria

12-03-2021

No. 3158

التقرير اليومي

الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية

Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"Rights Group Urges UNHRC to Save Palestinian Refugee Families in Northern Syria Displacement Camps"

- Palestinian Refugees in Jordan Urge UNRWA to Transfer Cash Aid
- Swedish Delegation Shows Up in Yarmouk Camp
- Murderer of Palestinian Refugee Woman Caught by Greek Police
- Palestinian Refugee Yehya AlBash Forcibly Disappeared in Syria since 2012



مجموعة العمل من أجل فلسطينيي سورية
Action Group For Palestinians of Syria

Latest Developments

The Palestinian Return Centre (PRC) sounded the alarm over the calamitous situation of Palestinian refugees taking shelter in displacement camps set up in northern Syria.

This came in an oral statement delivered at a seminar with the independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic as part of the 46th session of the UNHRC in Geneva.

PRC indicated that 1,450 Palestinian refugees are facing squalid conditions in northern Syria as a result of the unabated conflict.

PRC's speaker warned of the disastrous fallouts wrought by the river floods, snowstorms, and freezing temperatures that swamped the area over recent months.

PRC's speaker condemned the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) for turning its back on the refugees' cries for help on account that they are sheltered in hard-to-reach or inaccessible zones.

PRC urged the UNHCR to take all necessary measures to protect Palestinian refugees and enhance their humanitarian condition.

In another development, Palestinian refugees from Syria in Jordan have called on UNRWA to deliver the third batch of emergency cash.



مجموعة العمل من أجل فلسطينيي سورية
Action Group For Palestinians of Syria

The refugees said they have been grappling with increasing hardship due to the restrictions imposed as part of the anti-coronavirus fight.

Palestinian refugees from Syria (PRS) in Jordan are confronted with increased hardship and vulnerability, due to long-term displacement and difficult socio-economic conditions, coupled with the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic, said UNRWA in a fact sheet entitled “Syria Regional Crisis Emergency Appeal 2021”.

According to UNRWA, 100% of PRS in Jordan are in need of winterization assistance and 17,800 PRS are in need of UNRWA cash assistance.

UNRWA said that in 2021, the Agency requires US\$ 318 million to respond to the humanitarian needs of Palestine refugees in Syria, Lebanon and Jordan.

The number of PRS in Jordan has remained relatively stable for a number of years, with 17,343 PRS recorded with UNRWA as of December 2019. Of these, 349 reside in King Abdullah Park (KAP), facing movement restrictions and a number of protection concerns.

More than 2 million Palestine refugees registered with UNRWA live in Jordan.

There are ten recognized Palestine refugee camps throughout the country, which accommodate nearly 370,000 Palestine refugees.



مجموعة العمل من أجل فلسطينيي سورية
Action Group For Palestinians of Syria

Jordan hosts the largest number of Palestine refugees of all of the UNWRA fields.

The majority of Palestine refugees have sought humanitarian assistance in Jordan, where they continue to suffer from abject poverty and live in a precarious legal status.

Meanwhile, a Swedish delegation accompanied by UNRWA staffers and representatives of the General Authority for Palestinian Arab Refugees (GAPAR) paid a visit to Yarmouk Camp to inspect UNRWA premises in the area.

GAPAR sources said UNRWA premises are likely to be reconstructed using Swedish funds.

In another development, Greek authorities arrested Abdul Hadi AlBaaj, accused of killing the Palestinian girl Israa Maatouk.

The murderer was identified by Palestinian activist Shukri Abu Aoun in Thessaloniki before he turned him in to Greek police.

In late January 2021, Palestinian refugees in Istanbul woke up to the reports of the horrendous murder of Palestinian woman Israa Maatouk, who fled war-torn Syria to Turkey in the hope for a safer life.

Israa's relatives said she was kidnapped by Abdul Hadi AlBa'aj, a former resident of Damascus, in Syria, and dragged to his house in Taksim Square, in Istanbul.



مجموعة العمل من أجل فلسطينيي سورية
Action Group For Palestinians of Syria

Ten days later, Israa was found dead at the kidnapper's house. She was identified by her relatives and through her fingerprint.

Her uncle said WhatsApp messages found on the victim's and the murderer's mobile phones showed that the latter fled to Greece.

In the meantime, Palestinian refugee Yehya Ahmad AlBash, born in 1960, has been incarcerated in Syrian government prisons for eight consecutive years.

Yehya was kidnapped by the government forces on October 5, 2012 and dragged to an unknown location. His fate and whereabouts remain mysterious.

AGPS documented the imprisonment of 1,797 Palestinian refugees, among them 110 women and girls, in Syrian government lock-ups.