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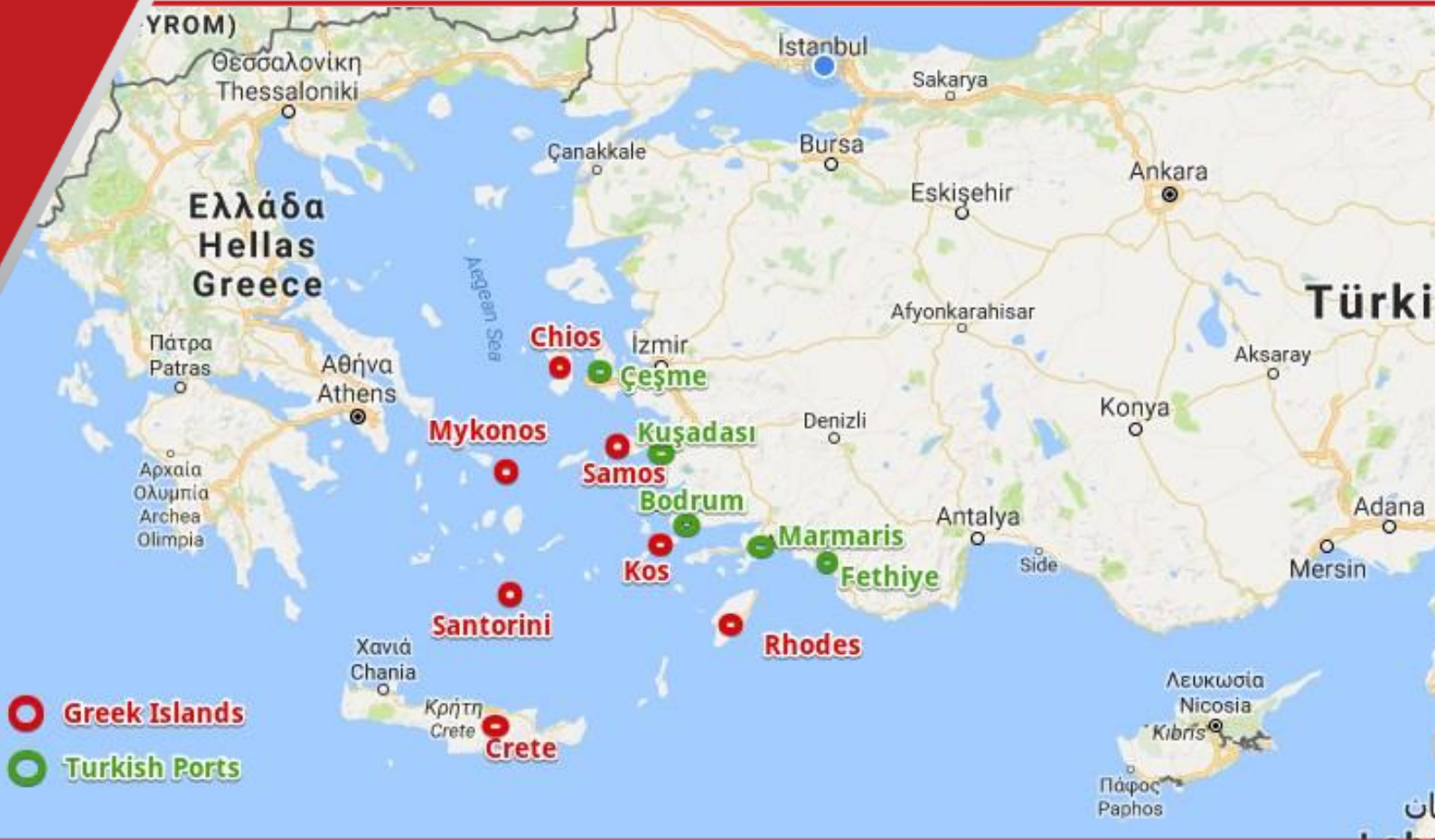
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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"Palestinian Migrants Disappear Off Turkish Coast"

- Situation of Palestinians from Syria in Sudan Exacerbated by Security Mayhem
- Palestinian Refugees from Syria in Lebanon to Be Treated by Orthopedic Surgeons
- Palestinian Refugee Ayham Fakhri Held in Syrian Jail for 6th Year
- Campaign to Plant Olive Trees Kick-Started at Entrance of Yarmouk Camp

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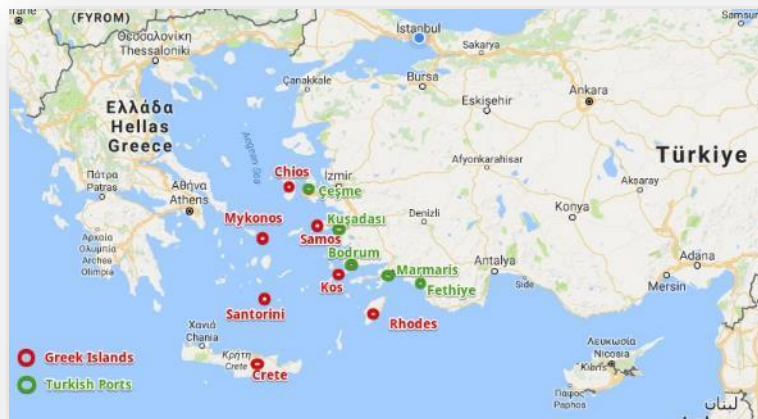


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Latest Developments

A number of Palestinian migrants from the Israeli-blockaded Gaza Strip and Syria have gone missing west of the Turkish seashore, onboard a Greece-bound vessel, since March 27, 2019.

Activist Ahmad AlShabarawi said six Palestinians have disappeared. The names that figure on the list are: Mohamed Marwan Tamim and Mohamed Dhafer AlNajar, both from Yarmouk Camp, along with Raed Mabrouk, Ziad Radi, Mohamed AlHasasna, and Mohamed AlBaheisi, from Gaza. Two other names—Amar Yaser Amouri and Mohamed Yaser Amouri—figure in posts shared on Facebook.



There have been conflicting reports about the migrants' condition and whereabouts. Unverified sources said a number of migrants have been detained by the Turkish police while others said they drowned off the Aegean coast. Three dead bodies have reportedly been found by the Greek authorities.



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The activists said a Palestinian envoy landed on Rhodes Island in an attempt to hold contacts with Greek authorities and follow up on the case.

The activist quoted the Palestinian delegation as pledging to reach out to the Turkish authorities over the condition of the detained migrants.

Turkey and Greece have served as major launch-off points for migrants fleeing Syria, among other war-stricken zones, onboard “death boats” bound for Europe, as they rummaged around for a safe shelter.

AGPS kept record of the death of dozens of Palestinians at sea, trying to reach European destinations.

Along the same line, hundreds of Palestinian refugees from Syria in Sudan have raised concerns about their fate in light of the security turmoil rocking the Sudanese territories following the military coup d'état, ousting Omar AlBashir who ruled the country for 30 years.





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According to unconfirmed sources, 1,000 Palestinian refugees have sought shelter in Sudan, fleeing war-ragged Syria.

Low wages, high rates of unemployment, and socio-economic marginalization have made life unbearable for Palestinian refugees in Sudan, forcing dozens of refugees to beg in the streets in order to feed their starved families.

Palestinians from Syria in Sudan are not granted a refugee status and are, thus, deprived of their basic rights and subjected to costly visa fees. The lack of relief aid and humanitarian assistance has made the situation far worse.

Meanwhile, the Palestine Red Crescent Society in partnership with the Palestine Children Relief Fund (PCRF) announced the arrival of orthopedic surgeons to provide treatment for patients, including Palestinian refugees.

Patients aged below 16 years, regardless of their nationalities, will undergo medical checks at Safad Hospital in AlBadawi Camp, north of Lebanon, after filling in a form. Detailed medical diagnoses will be sent via emails to the concerned patients.

Following a comprehensive verification exercise of Palestine refugees from Syria in Lebanon, conducted in July and August 2018, UNRWA verified the physical presence of 29,145 refugees (8,741 families) in the country, who are eligible for the Agency's emergency assistance. In 2019, it is expected that the country will host approximately 28,800 Palestinians from Syria (8,700 families).



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In the meantime, Palestinian refugee Ayham Fakhri Abdul Rahim, born in 1990, has been locked up in Syrian state prisons for six years running.

Ayham was kidnapped by pro-government militias from Jaramana Camp, in Damascus province, in 2013. His condition and whereabouts remain unknown.

In another development, Palestinian NGOs and activists in Denmark, in partnership with the Global Campaign for Return to Palestine, embarked on a campaign to plant olive trees bearing the names of Palestinians killed by the Israeli military during the Great March of Return protests, staged at the Gaza border since March 30, 2018.

The trees have been planted in AlBatikha Park, at the main entrance to Yarmouk Camp, south of Damascus.

According to the campaigners, the move paves the way for the return of displaced Palestinian families to the camp.



Palestinian families who have been displaced from Yarmouk Camp continue to appeal to the Syrian authorities and the Palestine



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Liberation Organization, among other concerned bodies, to work on securing their safe access to their homes in Yarmouk.

Thousands of Palestinian refugees were forced out of the Camp after the Syrian fighter jets struck the area on December 16, 2012. Dozens were killed and hundreds wounded in the onslaught. The situation went downhill after ISIS militias grabbed hold of the camp in April 2015.

The Syrian government forces regained control over Yarmouk Camp and southern Damascus towns following a 33-day military operation launched in April 2018. Dozens of civilians were killed and dozens more injured in the offensive. Over 80% of buildings have gone either totally or partially destroyed in the warfare.