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"On Int'l Day of Girl Child, Palestinian Girls from Syria Continue to Struggle for Self-Empowerment"

- Palestinian Girl Who Won Gold Medal at West Asia Tennis Table Tournament Honored in Syria
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Latest Developments

Data released by AGPS on the International Day of the Girl Child, observed annually by the United Nations on October 11, has revealed the strong determination and iron will shown by Palestinian girls in and from Syria despite of the traumatic memories wrought by Syria's eight-year warfare.

The list includes Palestinian girl from Syria Aya Abbas, who was honored in 2018 as the highest performing 9th Grade UNRWA student across the Syrian territories.

Aya, who was born and grew up in Yarmouk, before having to flee the camp in late 2012 when the conflict engulfed the neighborhood, scored top marks in all her final exams, despite the immense adversity.

Sixteen-year-old Ghazal al-Toubeh, a Palestine refugee living in Homs, Syria, has also been dubbed by UNRWA "a high achiever" and someone who has been striving to surmount all of the hurdles set on her road.





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Ghazal is among thousands of students who passed the 9th grade national exam and scored high marks that qualified her to go for general education.

At the same time, Palestinian student from Syria Jala Khaled AlKhatib achieved outstanding results as part of the 2019 basic education exams held at Beit Jala private school, in Siblin, in AlKharroub region, south of Lebanon. She got the first rank at the school and the 24th in Lebanon.

15-year-old Jala was born and raised in Yarmouk Camp, south of Damascus. She headed for Lebanon with her family in 2013, fleeing war-torn Syria.

Similarly, Palestinian girls from Syria Shahd Ahmad Kasimou, born in 2007, Samiha Mohamed Khuza'I, born in 2003, and Sara Ali Ajawi were nominated among the top 10 contestants for the Lebanon team in the 2019 Arab Reading Challenge staged in Dubai in its fourth edition.

Figuring on the list of successful Palestinian girls is also Bisan Esam Khuza'i, who received an exemption certificate from AlAbrar Educational Center in Lebanon's western AlBekaa region, granting her the privilege to pass without sitting for the last-semester exams for the academic year 2018-2019.

Bisan, a 1st year high school enrollee, was born and raised in AlSayeda Zeinab Camp, in Syria. She fled to Lebanon with her family in 2012, one year after the deadly warfare took away the life of her father. Her dream job is to become a surgeon and tend to the



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wounded in the Israeli-blockaded Gaza Strip and other war-stricken zones.

Besides, Duaa Mahmoud AlBekai (1st grade of secondary education) obtained the top rank at AlJarmak School and in AlBekaa region for the first semester of the school year.

Palestinian student from Syria Shahd Anas Dasouki was also honored by Sorliden School in the Swedish city of Örnköldsvik for the excellent results she has achieved over the past three school years.

Dasouki, formerly sheltered in Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian refugees, in Damascus, snatched the first seat as a third-year prep school student.

Another success story was achieved by Palestinian refugee from Syria Tasnim AlHazina, aged 14, who won the “Read2me” tournament in the Dutch city of Helmond, representing her Dr.Knippenberg College. Tasnim qualified for the final. The reading contest was performed at Stage High Woerd in Utrecht. Students enrolled at 21 schools south of the Netherlands took part in the contest.

In 2017, Tasnim won a similar tournament in Helmond city. At the time, she was enrolled at Salah AlDin AlAyoubi Islamic school.

Palestinian student from Syria Tasnim Ahmed Tarshahani also won the first award at the best war footage competition held at Netherlands schools while Palestinian refugee Dalia Adnan Jaber received the highest score -- 95% -- as part of the French DELF exams.



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Upon more than one occasion, AGPS has raised alarm bells over the striking upsurge in the rate of school dropouts among the Palestinians of Syria, several among whom have left schools to help feeding their impoverished families in unemployment-stricken refugee camps. Others have, however, managed to achieve outstanding results, challenging the traumatic fallouts of warfare and displacement.

Along the same line, Palestinian refugee Alaa Nizar Fdheil, who snatched the gold medal at the West Asia Junior Table Tennis Tournament, held at Princess Soumaya Bint AlHasan Hall in AlHusain city between March 15 and 17, and her brother Nizar were honored by Khan Dannoun School, in Rif Dimashq,

Alaa, along with her father Nizar, a professional player, and her brother, had earned several other medals in earlier competitions.

Meanwhile, the family of Palestinian refugee Mohamd Mahmoud Mohamed, born in 1976, continues to appeal for information over their forcibly disappeared relative, who has been locked up in Syrian government jails since January 24, 2013.





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A resident of Yarmouk Camp, the detainee was kidnapped from his workplace in Dumar area, in western Damascus.

AGPS documented the secret incarceration of 1,768 Palestinian refugees in Syrian state-run lock-ups, among them 108 women and girls.

In the meantime, dozens of displaced families showed up in AlTadhamun neighborhood in an attempt to retrieve their homes.

Families wishing to return to the area are required to obtain permissions from Syrian security forces and submit property-ownership certificates.

A few months earlier, Damascus Governor Adel AlAleibi said displaced families were about to return to their habitable houses in AlTadhamun neighborhood, south of Damascus, and will receive a damage compensation of up to 30%.

Prior to the outburst of the bloody hostilities in Syria, hundreds of Palestinian families used to take shelter in AlTdhamun neighborhood.

