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Latest Developments

Education chief in Yarmouk Camp Walid AlKurdi said the return of displaced families to their homes in Yarmouk Camp requires unified positions by national Palestinian factions.

In statements posted on his Facebook account, AlKurdi urged Palestinian political leaders to combine forces and work on alleviating the agony of the displaced Palestinian families.

He said the Syrian government welcomes all attempts to assist Palestinians in Yarmouk, referring to its decision to open schools and Palestinian Red Crescent clinics in Yarmouk Street as proofs.

The official also said authorities are awaiting the delivery of UNRWA funds and donations to start reconstruction works of AlTabegha School.



According to UNRWA, in December 2012, fierce clashes erupted in Yarmouk, an area of Damascus home to approximately 160,000 Palestine refugees. The intensity of these clashes and the widespread use of heavy weapons caused numerous civilian casualties, severe damage to property and the displacement of 140,000 Palestine refugees and thousands of Syrians.



In July 2013, a state of siege emerged in Yarmouk, trapping the remaining 18,000 civilians inside and preventing the entry of commercial and humanitarian goods. Severe hunger and deprivation emerged over the following six months, while intensive armed clashes continued.

The Syrian government recaptured the camp on May 21, 2018, following a 33-day military operation launched in cooperation with the Russian forces on April 19, 2018. Mortar shells, tank shells, missiles, and other types of weapons slammed into the camp, resulting in the destruction of 60% of civilian buildings and facilities.

In another development, AlWafaa European Campaign launched a so-called "sos4refugees" relief campaign to provide urgent humanitarian assistance for Palestinians taking refuge across the Lebanese territories.

The campaigners said the move will be launched as of December 16, urging all concerned persons and parties to help in collecting and transferring much-needed aids to Palestinian refugees.

Over 80% of Palestinians from Syria in Lebanon depend on UNRWA aids for survival.



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Palestinians from Syria in Lebanon continue to express deep concern over their fate in the midst of the large-scale protests sweeping the Lebanese territories in an attempt to topple the incumbent government.

Palestinian refugees from Syria are reported to lack legal status in Lebanon. The absence of a specific legislation addressing their unique situation along with the inhospitality shown by local authorities combine to make life unbearable for Palestinian refugees in Lebanon.

The price leap, steep rental fees, expensive education charges, and lack of access to the local labor market, along with the absence of relief aids, have made the situation worse.

Meanwhile, Nophotozone organization said dangerous pieces of information released by reliable sources have revealed that the Syrian authorities dragged dozens of prisoners from different penal complexes, including Adra, to Sednaya military prison in order to subject them to extra-judicial trials before executing them.

Nophotozone said the move began some 20 days earlier and targeted nearly 80 prisoners.

The organization urged the office of the UN Special Envoy and all international institutions to take immediate action in order to stop such a "disaster".

AGPS data indicates that 1,769 Palestinian refugees have been detained and/or forcibly disappeared in Syrian state-run penal complexes, where 614 others have died under torture.



Nophotozone is made up of a group of Syrian non-violent activists. It works to promote legal and human rights awareness on issues of enforced disappearance and detention, and provides direct consultation to the families of detainees and victims of enforced disappearances, regardless of which body has arrested or hidden them.

The organization was established in honor of the memory of the Syrian-Palestinian activist and programmer Bassel Khartabil Safadi, who was arrested by the Military Security in March 2012 and executed by the Military Field Court in October 2015.

In the meantime, Palestinian activists held an exhibition of handicrafts in AlSayeda Zeinab Palestinian refugee camp, in Rif Dimashq. Representatives of Palestinian factions and Palestinian refugees attended the opening ceremony.

AlSayeda Zeinab Camp, held by the Syrian government forces and their affiliated popular committees, has been gripped with dire socio-economic conditions as a result of the high rates of unemployment. Scores of civilians have fled the camp while others have been forced to join pro-government battalions.



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