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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



### "Arrest Sweep Targets Displaced Palestinians in Qudsaya"

- Palestinian Refugee Ziyad Awad Forcibly Disappeared in Syria for 4th Year
- UNRWA Delegation Discusses Situation of Palestinian Refugees in Syria Camps
- Power Crisis Continues to Rock AlAyedeen Camp for Palestinian Refugees in Hums
- Fuel Supplies Distributed to Displaced Palestinian Families in Lebanon

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## Latest Developments

A number of Palestinian young men have been arrested in a large-scale arrest sweep launched by the Syrian government forces in Qudsaya town, in Rif Dimashq, in an attempt to force youths into military conscription.

Three Palestinian young men were reportedly arrested so far, among a list of seven arrestees who were displaced from Yarmouk refugee camp.

Activists said the arrests were carried out on account of delayed or missed military draft imposed on Syrian nationals and Palestinian refugees.



Civilians passing through government checkpoints pitched in the area have been subjected to intensive inspection and questioning.

The Syrian security forces have tightened military grip around Qudsaya and stepped up arbitrary manhunts at government-run checkpoints.

Some 6,000 Palestinian families displaced from Yarmouk Camp, south of Damascus, continue to face dire socio-economic conditions in Qudsaya.



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Along similar lines, Palestinian refugee Ziyad Awad, from AlMuzeireeb town, south of Syria, has been secretly detained in Syrian government prisons for the fourth consecutive year.

Ziyad was arrested by Syrian security forces on his way to receive his salary in Daraa on April 5, 2016. AGPS could not indentify his fate.

Over 1,760 Palestinian refugees, including 108 women and girls, have been locked up in Syrian government dungeons, according to AGPS data.

In another development, representatives of the UN Agency for Palestine refugees (UNRWA) held a meeting with local development committees in Palestinian refugee camps and communities in Syria in order to discuss the situation of displaced Palestinian families in the war-ravaged country.

The meeting was called for by the General Authority for Palestinian Arab Refugees (GAPAR). Director-general of GAPAR, Ali Mustafa, was in attendance.

Mustafa stressed the need to increase UNRWA aid so as to meet the needs of Palestinian refugees and reiterated Palestinians' firm rebuff of the US peace plan and any other initiative negating their inalienable right of return or targeting the legitimacy of UNRWA.

Local development committees also urged UNRWA to boost cash and in-kind assistance for Palestinian refugees and enhance education and healthcare services in refugee camps.

Last week, UNRWA said in its 2020 Syria regional crisis emergency appeal that 126,000 Palestine refugees in Syria (PRS) are identified as extremely vulnerable; 89% live in poverty; 91% live in extreme





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poverty; and 80% rely on UNRWA cash assistance as their main source of income.

UNRWA also said that 55% of PRS do not possess valid legal residency documents; 100% of PRS are in need of winterization assistance; and 86% of PRS households are reported to be in debt.

UNRWA said that the continuous depreciation of the Syrian pound and the deteriorating socio-economic conditions experienced by all civilians in Syria during the last year have increased the hardship faced by Palestine refugees, whose resilience is at breaking point.

The Agency said that in 2020, ensuring sufficient and predictable funding to the UNRWA Syria Regional Crisis Emergency Appeal is crucial to prevent Palestine refugees in Syria from slipping into further misery and despair.

In the meantime, residents of AlAyedeen camp for Palestinian refugees, in Hums, have denounced the ongoing electricity blackouts across residential alleyways and buildings.

In appeals emailed to AGPS, civilians said the main power feeder has gone out of operation due to the lack of maintenance works.





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The residents urged UNRWA and the concerned authorities to take the necessary measures in order to rehabilitate the power network and carry out the required maintenance works.

Palestinians taking shelter in AlAyedeen Camp in Hums have been facing a deteriorating humanitarian situation as a result of the price leap, sharp shortage in fuel supplies, the frequent power blackouts, and absence of humanitarian assistance. High rates of unemployment and the security turmoil rocking the region have made the situation far more alarming.

Meanwhile, Baalbak Center, in partnership with Palestine Children's Relief in Japan, handed over fuel supplies to Beit AlSoumoud Children organization allotted to displaced Palestinian families from Syria in Lebanon's AlBekaa region.

Hundreds Palestinian refugees from Syria have been struggling for survival in AlBekaa region due to the freezing temperatures and the absence of relief assistance.



Nearly 28,000 Palestinian refugees from Syria seeking shelter in Lebanon have been subjected to dire socio-economic conditions and a precarious legal status as the Lebanese authorities continue to rebuff their appeals for legal visas and access to the local labor market.