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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"Palestinian Children Deprived of Happy Childhood"

- Palestinians of Syria Express Dismay over Latest Israeli Aggressions on Gaza, Jerusalem
- European Body Concerned by Greece's Migrant Pushbacks



Latest Developments

Palestinian refugee children in Syria have been deprived of happy childhood memories due to protracted displacement, the loss of their parents, and/or the secret incarceration of their relatives in Syrian prisons.

Farah, the daughter of a Palestinian prisoner in Syria, said she has not met her father since April 23, 2013. She has appealed for information over his condition and whereabouts.

The daughter of Palestinian writer Ali AlShehabi, Sidra, wrote on her Facebook account that she misses her father, who is forcibly disappeared in Syria, a lot.

In a place where neither vital facilities nor leisure amenities are made available, the advent of Eid meant that dozens of displaced Palestinian and Syrian children spend the occasion in their poverty-stricken neighborhoods.

Another refugee from Deraa Camp told AGPS that Eid comes in the midst of a darkness and sorrow sparked by displacement, despair, and economic hardship. He expressed his wish to meet his forcibly-disappeared father.

The warfare in Syria, which has now entered its eleventh year, has had traumatic fallouts on Palestinian refugee children in and outside the Syrian territories.



Post-traumatic stress disorders, mental psychosis, sleeplessness and nightmares, eating disorders, and intense fear have all been among the symptoms with which Palestinian children have been diagnosed.

AGPS renews its calls to the international community, human rights institutions, UNICEF, UNRWA, and all concerned bodies to work on protecting Palestinian children in embattled Syria and provide those who fled the war-torn country with physical and moral protection in the host countries.

AGPS has recorded the death of 252 Palestinian refugee children in war-torn Syria. Hundreds more have gone orphaned after they lost one or both of their parents in the deadly warfare.

Meanwhile, rallies have swept Palestinian refugee camps in Syria in protest at the deadly Israeli airstrikes on Gaza and crackdowns on Palestinians in occupied Jerusalem.

The rallies took place in the refugee camps of Yarmouk, Jaramana, AlNeirab, Hindarat, AlAyedeen, and displacement camps set up in northern Syria.





Palestinian refugees voiced their strong condemnation of the latest surge in violence by Israeli forces and settler gangs and called on the international community to immediately step in.

In the meantime, Europe's top human rights body has expressed "deep concern" at persistent allegations that Greek authorities have on several occasions illegally forced back migrants trying to clandestinely enter from neighboring Turkey.

In a letter to government officials in Athens, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights Dunja Mijatović also voiced dismay that Greece's reaction has been so far to "simply dismiss (the) allegations" despite "the overwhelming body of evidence that has been presented in recent years."

In the letter made public Wednesday, Mijatović urged the Greek government "to put an end to these practices and to ensure that independent and effective investigations are carried out."



Citing testimony from migrants in Turkey, human rights groups have repeatedly accused Greece of engaging in so-called pushbacks — a term that covers the prevention of people from entering the country to seek asylum, as well as the clandestine return to Turkey of people who have made it into Greece.