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Latest Developments

Two Palestinian refugees from Syria with Swedish citizenship documents were released 26 hours after they were detained at Israel's Ben Gurion Airport.

The refugees' relatives told AGPS that they were both detained as they attempted to enter the occupied Palestinian territories on July 8, 2019 to visit their hometown Nazareth, from which their families were displaced.

The detainees were subjected to exhaustive interrogation at Ben Gurion airport and banned from entering the occupied Palestinian territories. They were pushed back to Europe on July 9.



Human rights activists said the entry ban and refoulement decision stand in sharp contrast to international humanitarian laws, calling for serious measures to pressurize Israel to comply with its obligations under international law.

A few months earlier, the Israeli occupation authorities banned a group of Palestinian refugees from entering Palestinian territories to attend a conference in the occupied West Bank.



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More than 22,100 Palestinian refugees from Syria have obtained Swedish citizenship until the end of 2018.

Meanwhile, activists have launched calls for serious action to protect displaced migrants taking refuge in Exarcheia neighborhood, in downtown Athens, following a decision by the government of Greece to evacuate buildings sheltering migrant families.

In a letter to the concerned NGOs and activists, Palestinian activist Mootaz Mahmoud said that in the next few days the Greek authorities will evacuate buildings sheltering irregular migrants, including women and children, in Exarcheia neighborhood.

The activist warned that scores of migrants will be left in the streets, with no roof over their heads, and called for urgent steps to secure safe shelters for the displaced families.

Sometime earlier, the Immigration Department of Greece announced its decision to force refugees who have obtained Greek visas since July 31, 2017 out of their homes and sent notifications to hundreds of asylum-seekers who were granted “refugee status” to evacuate their European-funded shelters.

Activists said the policy dovetails the country’s attempt to rein in the influx of migrants and overcrowdings on its islands.

Human rights groups said the new decision comes in line with the EU commitment to fund the UNHCR’s relief and housing program for asylum-seekers who have not yet received replies over their applications for asylum.



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The activists further warned of the fallouts of the decision, which they said will result in increasing numbers of homeless refugees who will be left with neither food nor shelter and be denied their basic human rights.

Palestinian refugees who have fled war-stricken zones to Greece have been denied their rights to visas and prevented from accessing vital facilities.

Palestinian refugees from Syria continue to risk their lives onboard the “death boats” to Greece, rummaging around for a momentary respite from the daily scenes of bloodshed and destruction.

AGPS has kept record of the death of dozens of refugees onboard Greece-bound ships. Several others have been arrested by Turkish coast guards.

Activists estimate that around 4,000 Palestinian refugees from Syria are taking shelter in Greece.

In another development, Palestinian refugee Mohamed Ali Abdullah, born in 1986 in Nawa city, south of Syria, and raised in AlSabina refugee camp, in Rif Dimashq, has been enduring a mysterious fate in Syria’s state-run prisons for the sixth consecutive year.





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Mohamed was arrested on August 25, 2013 with his mother, Najah Younes Ubaid, born in 1961 in Quneitra.

Their condition and whereabouts remain unidentified.

AGPS kept record of the detention of 1,759 Palestinian refugees in Syria's state-run prisons, among them 108 women and girls.

In the meantime, residents of AlSabina Camp for Palestinian refugees, in Rif Dimashq, continue to raise concerns over their children's safety as packs of stray dogs have been spotted in and around the camp.

The refugees have appealed to the concerned authorities and NGOs to take urgent action over the spread of feral dogs in the camp, a phenomenon that has seen the day after dozens of civilians were forced out of their homes in the unabated warfare.

Located some 14 kilometers away from southern Damascus, AlSabina Camp has been gripped with an abject situation owing to the absence of humanitarian assistance, relief aids, proper infrastructure, and vital facilities. Frequent water and power outages have made the situation far worse.

