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## الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية

Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"Palestinian Refugee Fatally Shot in Wedding Ceremony in Khan Eshieh Camp"

- 2 Palestinian Refugees Win Arabic Literary Prize
- Palestinian Refugee Women Recount Mountainous Journey Outside of Syria Bakeries
- Stray Dogs Sway AlHusainiya Camp for Palestinian Refugees



## **Latest Developments**

A Palestinian refugee was accidently gunned down on Thursday as he joined his cousin's wedding party in Khan Eshieh Camp for Palestinian refugees, in Rif Dimashq.

Palestinian refugee Rafat Kasem Raja was killed by gunshots fired in celebration of his cousin's marriage. He died at hospital.

In another development, Katara Cultural Village announced the winners of 7th Katara Prize for Arabic Novel, which is being held remotely from October 12-16, for the second year in a row, under the supervision of the Arab Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ALECSO).

The winners in the published Arabic novels category are Al Habib Al Salmi from Tunisia, Ahmed Al Qarmlawi from Egypt, Fajr Yaqoub from Palestine, Ayman Rajab Taher from Egypt and Nader Manhal Haj Omar from Palestine. Each prize is \$60,000, in addition to translating the winning novels into English.

In the unpublished novels category, the winners are Etidal Najeeb Al Shoufi from Syria, Ghaid Al Gharb from Iraq, Younis Ali from Morocco, Muhammad Abdullah Al Hadi from Egypt and Walid bin Ahmed from Tunisia. Each prize is \$30,000, and the winning works will be printed and translated into English.



Meanwhile, Palestinian refugee women in AlNeirab Camp, north of Syria, said they have been made to line up for hours in long queues outside of local bakeries.

A number of women said they often go back home without bread due to fraud and mismanagement.

Over recent months, a number of residents said plastic strips have been spotted inside bread loafs and urged the Syrian government to control bread sales and production in the area.

AlNeirab camp is the largest official camp in Syria and is 13km east of the city of Aleppo near the Aleppo airport.

Before the start of the conflict in Syria, Neirab camp was home to more than 20,000 Palestine refugees. Like other Palestine refugee camps in Syria, a large number of families, young people, have travelled abroad. The camp has also seen a large influx of more than 900 families from the nearby Ein el Tal camp, which has been mostly destroyed.

With nearly 18,000 registered refugees, Neirab camp is among the most densely populated camps. The camp suffers from overcrowding and a lack of privacy. Like other areas in Syria, displacement, unemployment, inflation, protection and security risks are among the main concerns shared by Palestine refugees and Syrians alike.



The location of the camp near the military airport means the area was exposed to hazards including mortars and shelling between the start of 2013 and the end of 2018.

Poor shelters and poor construction of the barracks result in scorching temperatures in summer and freezing conditions in winter. Water leakage and rodent infestation also remain a problem for the refugees.

Along similar lines, residents of AlHusainiya Camp have raised concerns over their children's safety as packs of stray dogs have been spotted in and around the camp and outside of schools.

The refugees appealed to the concerned authorities and NGOs to take urgent action over the spread of feral dogs in the camp and to work out the chronic power outages in the area.