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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"Palestinians from Syria in Lebanon Launch Cry for Help"

- Pro-Gov't Armed Group in Syria Call for Military Conscription
- Holders of Palestinian Authority Passports Allowed to Renew Touristic Visas in Turkey
- Palestinian Refugees Take Part in Arabic Language Seminar in Syria

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Latest Developments

Palestinian activists and civil society institutions have raised alarm bells over the deteriorating humanitarian condition of Palestinian refugees in Lebanon.

Activists said displaced Palestinian families in Lebanon's AlBekaa region have been struggling for survival due to the cold weather and freezing temperatures. The situation has been made worse due to the high unemployment rates and the denial of access to the local labor market by the Lebanese authorities.

Activist Mahmoud AlShehabi said many Palestinian families cannot afford food items to feed their starved children, buy medicines to their families, pay education charges, and shell out rental fees.



He said the humanitarian situation has taken a serious turn for the worse due to the crackdowns perpetrated by the Lebanese authorities and the cut of relief services by the UN Works and Relief Agency (UNRWA).

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



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rebuff their appeals for legal visas and access to the local labor market.

In another development, calls were circulated by Liwaa AlQuds brigade, affiliated with the Syrian government forces, to push for military conscription.

Activists have accused the armed group of forcing Palestinian youths taking shelter in refugee camps across Syria to join pro-government military squads, taking profit from their dire economic conditions.



Nearly 7,000 gunmen are enlisted at Liwaa AlQuds brigade, among them 800 Palestinian refugees taking shelter in refugee camps across the Syrian territories.

AGPS kept record of the death of 90 Palestinian refugees as they fought alongside Liwaa AlQuds forces since 2013.

Meanwhile, head of the Palestinian refugee community in Istanbul, Hazem Antar, said Turkish officials told him Palestinians with Palestinian Authority passports are not prohibited from having their touristic visas renewed.



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Speaking with Palestinian news sources, Antar said holders of PA passports and Egyptian and Lebanese travel documents will be granted renewed touristic visas. No official decision has been issued in this regard, though.

Representatives of the Palestinian refugee community reportedly contacted the Turkish parliament over the visa issue.

Unofficial statistics indicate that 8,000 Palestinians from Syria have sought shelter in Turkey, where they have been facing dire socio-economic conditions and denied access to the local labor market.

Turkish embassies continue to prevent Palestinian refugees from Syria from obtaining visas. As a result, hundreds of Palestinians have embarked on life-threatening journeys via illegal immigration roads to reach Turkey, fleeing war-tattered Syria, among other war-stricken zones.

In the meantime, Palestinian refugees from Syria took part in a seminar about the Arabic Language held at the headquarters of the Columbus Center in the Austrian capital Vienna.

Speakers tackled difficulties in Arabic language teaching and communication in Austria and the diaspora.

Palestinian-Syrian lecturer Anwar Ali presented a paper about the reality and prospects of Arabic language teaching in Austria.

Anwar Ali worked as an Arabic teacher at Damascus schools for over 15 years, before he headed for Austria some five years ago, fleeing Khan Eshieh refugee camp, in Rif Dimashq. He runs a school for Arabic language teaching in Austria.



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