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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"2 Years On...Palestinians Still Bearing Heavy Weight of Nakba"

- Palestinians in AlMuzeireeb Town Facing Mass Displacement
- Pro-Gov't Forces Seize House in AlSabina Camp for Palestinian Refugees
- Palestinian Refugee Rami Suleiman Forcibly Disappeared in Syria for 7th Year
- Hygiene Kit Distributed in Yarmouk Camp

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Latest Developments

On May 15 each year, Palestinians commemorate Nakba Day to reaffirm the right of return to ancestral lands that are now part of the self-proclaimed Israeli State.

Palestinians use the term "Nakba," meaning "catastrophe" in Arabic, to refer to 1948 expulsions by Zionist gangs in historical Palestine.

In 1948, the new state of Israel was declared on the majority of historical Palestine, after nearly 800,000 out of 1.4 million Palestinians were displaced from their homes to the West Bank, Gaza Strip and neighboring Arab countries.

Those who fled to Syria and neighboring countries have been subjected to squalid conditions.

UNRWA said that of the estimated 438,000 Palestine refugees remaining inside Syria, 60% have been displaced at least once since the start of the conflict and a third have had their homes damaged or destroyed.

Over 120,000 Palestinian refugees from Syria have fled the country, including over 28,000 currently present in Lebanon and 17,719 in Jordan, where many of them face a precarious and marginalized existence due to their uncertain legal status and social protection mechanisms.

The Palestine-Israel conflict dates back to 1917 when the British government, in the now-infamous Balfour Declaration, called for "the establishment of a national home for the Jewish people in Palestine."



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Around 15,000 Palestinians were killed, some 800,000 displaced, and 531 Arab villages destroyed in attacks by armed Jewish groups at the time.

The Palestinian diaspora has since become one of the largest in the world.

Along similar lines, scores of families have fled the southern Syrian town of Muzeireeb to Daraa and surrounding villages following reports about the Syrian government's intent to roll into the area.

Reporting from southern Syria, an AGPS news correspondent said large flocks of Syrian security forces and affiliated squads have been deployed in Daraa.

On May 4, a state of panic overwhelmed the Palestinian refugee community in the area after nine policemen were killed in the Muzeireeb town by a so-called Mohamed Kasem Subeihi to avenge the death of his son and relative who were kidnapped sometime earlier.

Reports have also emerged about the intent of the Syrian government to enter de-escalation zones in Daraa and cordon off the area.

In another development, sources from Sabina camp told AGPS that members of the Arab National Party have grabbed a number of homes and commercial facilities belonging to one of the camp residents who was kidnapped and forcibly disappeared since 2012.

A number of residents told AGPS that the Syrian security forces seized the buildings after they kicked out members of the Arab National Party.



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In the meantime, Palestinian refugee Rami Suleiman, aged 46, has been held in Syrian government penitentiaries for the seventh year running.

Rami was kidnapped by the regime troops on July 7, 2013, at a checkpoint set up near Yabrod city, in Rif Dimashq. He had been diagnosed with kidney disorders.

AGPS documented the secret incarceration of over 1,780 Palestinians in Syrian jails, among them dozens of women and minors.

Meanwhile, volunteers from the Palestinian Red Crescent Society, in partnership with the Danish Red Cross Society, handed over hygiene and sterilization items to residents of Yarmouk Camp, south of Damascus.

Over recent weeks, Palestinian refugees sheltered across the Syrian territories have kept urging UNRWA to assist them in their fight against the novel coronavirus COVID-19.

Activists have lashed out at UNRWA and the General Authority for Palestinian Arab Refugees (GAPAR) over their unresponsiveness regarding the cries for help launched by the Palestinian refugee community in Syria due to coronavirus outbreak.

AGPS has also repeatedly warned against a projected outbreak of COVID-19 in Palestinian refugee camps in Syria. Though campaigns to help spread awareness among the camps' residents have seen the day, limited access to running water, pharmacies and medical facilities mean displacement camps are more susceptible to the spread of the highly infectious virus.