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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"9 PLA Gunmen Tortured to Death in Syrian Jails"

- UNRWA Delegation Shows Up in Yarmouk Camp
- Residents of Deraa Camp Denounce Bread Dearth
- AlRaml Camp for Palestinian Refugees Grappling with Deteriorating Humanitarian Condition
- Cash Aid Transferred to Palestinians from Syria in Lebanon



Latest developments

Nine members of the Palestine Liberation Army (PLA), affiliated with the Syrian regime, were tortured to death in war-torn Syria.

The data figures in a recent report issued by AGPS. The report indicates that Palestinian refugee Mohamed Esam Jadiba, from AlNeirab camp, was extra-judicially executed by Syrian security forces on June 8, 2012 over treason allegations.

PLA breakaway Mer'i AlMadani was also executed by armed militiamen on October 12, 2014, over allegations of insulting God.

This week, AGPS has issued a new report entitled "The Palestine Liberation Army in Syria".

The report provides a historical overview of PLA's founding and its branches in Arab countries. It lays emphasis on PLA's establishment in Syria and involvement in armed fighting alongside the Syrian regime.

The new report also provides statistics about the PLA affiliates killed in war-torn Syria.

AGPS kept record of the death of 280 PLA gunmen in Syria.

To download the report, please click here: https://www.actionpal.org.uk/ar/reports/special/plainsyria.pdf

In another development, a UNRWA delegation toured Yarmouk camp in order to inspect damaged schools and facilities in the area.



As the new academic year has stepped in, Palestinian refugee schoolchildren and students continue to struggle with the devastating impact of the ten-year warfare across the Syrian territories.

Available data by UNRWA indicates that 32 UNRWA facilities have been reduced to rubble in Yarmouk Camp alone, including 16 schools, in the Syrian conflict.

Several other UNRWA facilities were destroyed in the Syrian warfare and others have gone out of operation, including two clinics, a vocational training center, a youth development center, and 28 schools, out of 112 UNRWA schools in Syria.

Upon more than one occasion, the UN has raised alarm bells over the striking upsurge in the rate of school dropouts among the Palestinians of Syria, several among whom have left schools to help feeding their impoverished families in unemployment-stricken refugee camps.

Dozens of Palestinian students, schoolchildren, and teaching staff have been killed or forcibly disappeared in war-ravaged Syria.

In the meantime, residents of Deraa camp for Palestinian refugees, south of Syria, spoke out against the acute shortage in bread.

The residents said they have been forced to walk for several kilometers to fetch bread for their starved children as the local bakery has been damaged in the warfare.



Long queues are also spotted daily outside of the state-owned bakery, located a few kilometers away from the camp, as members of extended families continue to line up for bread.

Daraa Camp for Palestinian refugees has been grappling with abject conditions as a result of the fallouts of the military operation launched by the Syrian government forces in mid-June 2018 using internationally-prohibited weapons in an attempt to recapture the area. Over 70% of civilian homes and property were destroyed.

An acute shortage in medicines and much-needed items has made life unbearable in the area.

Along similar lines, residents of AlRaml Camp in Latakia continue to sound distress signals over the dire conditions they have been made to endure in the area owing to the poor infrastructure, absence of vital services, and price leap.

The residents said their life has been marred by the transportation crisis, frequent power/water outages, and the poor healthcare services.

Civilians urged UNRWA to assume its responsibility in this regard and slammed the Syrian government for its apathy regarding their cries for help.

Over recent years, Palestinian refugees taking shelter in AlRaml Camp have been facing abject conditions due to the lack of financial resources, food price leap, high unemployment rates, and steep rental fees.



In the meantime, UNRWA in Lebanon said new batches of cash aid have been transferred to Palestinian families displaced from Syria.

In a statement, UNRWA said every refugee will receive 70,000 Lebanese pounds as a food grant and an additional sum of 390,000 Lebanese pounds as part of donations made by the EU Trust Fund "Madad".

UNRWA called on the refugees to keep a distance of at least two meters at bank offices and to regularly wash their hands.

UNRWA has identified PRS in Lebanon as one of the most marginalized and poorest communities in the region.

In its 2020 Syria crisis emergency appeal, UNRWA said that PRS in Lebanon continue to face high vulnerability and marginalization, making them heavily reliant on UNRWA humanitarian support to cover their basic needs. The socioeconomic hardships and unrest experienced by the country have compounded PRS' already dire living conditions.

According to a survey conducted by the American University of Beirut in 2015, nearly 90 percent of the PRS population in Lebanon live in poverty, including 9 per cent who are in extreme poverty and unable to meet even their most essential food requirements.

PRS's vulnerability is further compounded by their precarious legal status. The lack of a valid legal status, often coupled with outdated civil registration documents, results in severely restricted freedom



of movement for some PRS in Lebanon due to fear of arrest, detention or forced deportation.