

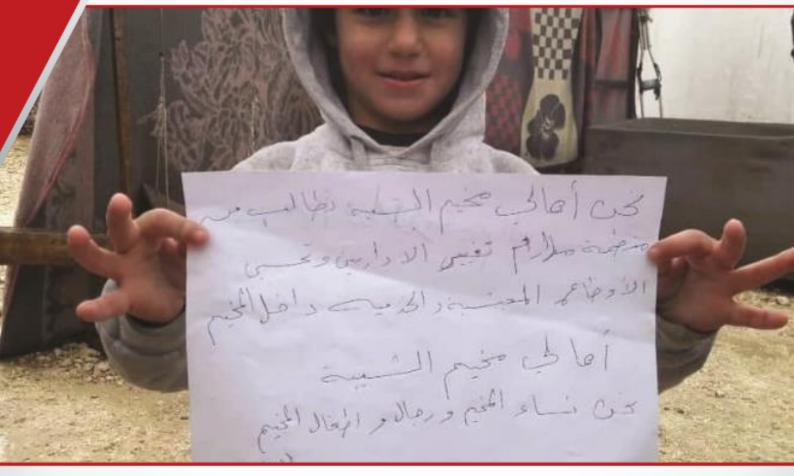
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الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية

Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"Displaced Families in I'zaz Camp Keep Up Vigil for 4th Day"

- Palestinian Engineer Tortured to Death in Syrian Jail
- Displaced Families in Handarat Camp Launch Cry for Help
- PLO Delegation Visits Yarmouk, Inaugurates Palestine TV in Damascus
- \$2 Million Allotted for Rubble-Clearance in Yarmouk Camp
- Palestinian Refugee Goes Missing in Lebanon



Victims

A Palestinian electrical engineer from AlHajar AlAswad died under torture in Syrian state jails.

The casualty was kidnapped in 2015 at a checkpoint in AlAbaseen area on his way back home from his workplace in Damascus. He reportedly suffers from a memory loss as a result of an electric shock he sustained while working. As a result, he turned into a person with special needs.

The Syrian authorities handed over his body to his wife after they forced her to sign a document alleging that her husband had contacts with terror parties and stipulating that the funeral be held secretly.

Latest Developments

Displaced Palestinian and Syrian families continue to rally for the fourth day running outside of I'zaz Camp, protesting the mistreatment they have been subjected to by the local administration.

Activists slammed the administration for turning the camp into "an open-air prison", saying authorities have implemented oppressive measures and prevented civilians' access to bread and much-needed foodstuff.

A campaign has reportedly been kick-started in the camp to secure bread for the displaced families. Appeals have also been launched to



urge the Turkish authorities and the concerned institutions to step in.

Speaking with AGPS by phone, the administration of I'zaz Camp denied, however, the allegations, saying staff have been doing their best to meet the refugees' needs.



Admins added that the rally held by the displaced refugees came following a decision prohibiting the transfer of meals from the restaurant to the tents in order to preserve public hygiene and reduce the propagation of rats in the area.

Along the same line, activists and civilians sheltered in Handarat Camp, in Aleppo, appealed, in letters emailed to AGPS, to all concerned parties and UNRWA to work on reconstructing the camp and granting civilians a safe access to their homes.

The displaced civilians launched a cry for help over the abject situation they have been enduring due to the price hike, steep rental fees, and high rates of unemployment.



Handrat Camp has also been gripped with water and power blackouts, a poor infrastructure, and the absence of vital services.

Meanwhile, a delegation of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) headed by Azzam AlAhmad and Information Minister Ahmad Assaf paid a visit to AlShuhadaa Cemetery in Yarmouk Camp.

Sometime earlier, the delegation discussed possible ways to boost reconstruction of Yarmouk Camp. This came during a meeting with Syrian state delegates and Palestinian officials in an attempt to ease the refugees' return to their homes.



The PLO delegation also inaugurated the Palestine TV office in Damascus, a move they said will transfer the voice of the Palestinians to the world.

At the same time, member of the PLO's Executive Committee Wasel Abu Yousef told AlWatan daily that the PLO has secured a sum of \$2 million to carry on debris-clearance in Yarmouk.

Abu Yousef said contacts have been held with the Syrian authorities in order to boost reconstruction and facilitate the refugees' return.



He quoted Syrian authorities as stating that displaced refugees will have their situation worked out and will be granted safe access to their homes.

In the meantime, Palestinian refugee from Syria Ahmad has gone missing in Lebanon since January 15. His condition and whereabouts remain unknown.

His family continues to appeal for information, saying the refugee suffers from health disorders. His family can be reached out at the following phone number 70360745.

According to AGPS data, over 300 Palestinian refugees have gone missing since the outburst of the Syrian warfare, over half of whom identified as residents of Yarmouk Camp, south of Damascus.

