

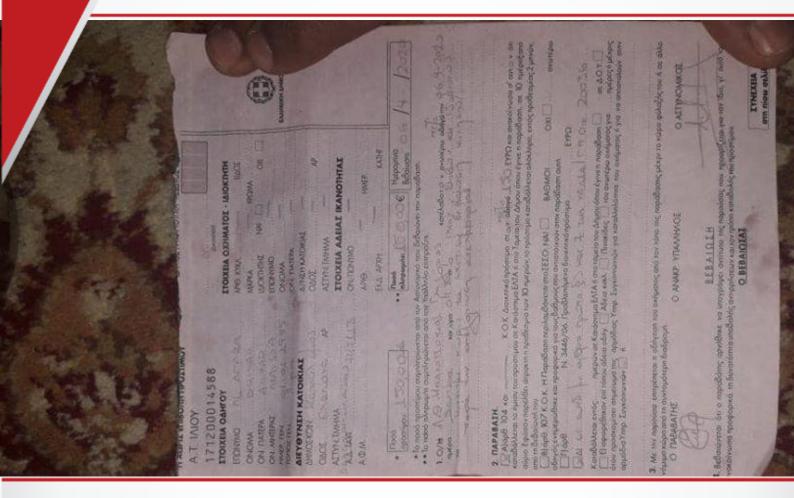
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الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية

Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"Exorbitant Fines Slapped against Palestinian Refugees in Greece"

- Pro-Govt Palestinian Group in Syria Decreases Salaries for Conscripts
- Palestinian Refugee Mohamed Mohamed Forcibly Disappeared in Syrian Jail for 7th Year
- Palestinian Red Crescent Transfers Humanitarian Aid to Families Affected by Fire in AlNeirab Camp
- Food Items Distributed to Palestinian Refugees from Syria in Turkey



Latest Developments

Palestinian refugees in Greece have been subjected to exorbitant fines, at a time when scores of stranded migrants have been struggling for survival in the coronavirus-stricken country, an AGPS correspondent has reported.

Sometime earlier, the Greek Minister of Migration said fines issued against migrants will be deducted from their monthly allowances so as to force them to abide by the full quarantine.

Palestinian refugees from Syria continue to risk their lives onboard the "death boats" to Greece, rummaging around for a momentary respite from the daily scenes of bloodshed and destruction. AGPS has kept record of the death of dozens of refugees onboard Greece-



bound ships. Several others have been arrested by Turkish coast guards.

Activists estimate that around 4,000 Palestinian refugees from Syria are taking cover on such Greek islands as Lesbos, Mytilene, Chios, Leros, and Kos, among other areas.

In another development, the Iran-backed Liwaa AlQuds armed group, affiliated with the Syrian government, has reduced the wages of its staff members due to the financial difficulties faced by the group.



Salaries have reportedly been cut to 35,000 Syrian Pounds, down from 70,000 in previous months.

The group's chief Mohamed AlSaid said the group will be backed by the Russian side after support from Iran had dwindled.

AGPS documented the death of 89 Palestinian refugees from Liwaa AlQuds battalion as they fought alongside Syria's government troops since the group's founding in 2013.

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

Meanwhile, the family of Palestinian refugee Mohamd Mahmoud Mohamed, born in 1986, continues to appeal for information over the fate of their forcibly disappeared relative, who has been locked up in Syrian government jails since January 24, 2013.



A resident of Yarmouk Camp, the detainee was kidnapped from his workplace in Dumar area, in western Damascus.

AGPS documented the secret incarceration of 1,794 Palestinian refugees in Syrian state-run lock-ups, among them over 100 women and girls.



In the meantime, the Palestinian Red Crescent Society embarked on a humanitarian initiative on Wednesday 16 April in an attempt to assist families whose home were damaged by the fire that broke out in the Neirab refugee camp in Aleppo.

Civilians received clothes, sleeping bags, blankets, detergents, and kitchen ware.

A fire broke out in AlNeirab camp for Palestine refugees in Aleppo overnight on Monday, resulting in heavy material damage. Five civilian homes sustained serious damage. No injuries were reported. The fire was reportedly caused by a short circuit overheat.



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, Khayra Ummah Organization handed over 500 food baskets to vulnerable Palestinian families from Syria in Istanbul.

Director of Khayra Ummah charity, Abdul Jabar Shalabi, said the move makes part of ongoing attempts to alleviate the economic hardship wrought by COVID-19 outbreak.

Some 1,500 Palestinian families displaced from Syria live in Istanbul, mostly in the city's European side, where they have been subjected to dire conditions.