

الخاص بأوضاع اللجئين الفلسطينيينفي سورية The situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria

**Pro-Regime Militia in Syria Threatens Retaliation against Palestinian Refugee**Authority

- Palestinian Refugees Stranded in Thailand Push for Urgent Humanitarian Action
- Residents of Palestinian Refugee Camp of Deraa Update Syrian Authorities on Abject Humanitarian Condition
- University Scholarships Granted to Palestinian Students in Algeria, Pakistan

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#### **Latest Developments**

Liwaa AlQuds deputy chief Adnan AlSayed leveled heavy criticism at the General Authority for Palestinian Arab Refugees (GAPAR) after the latter established a services committee for Palestinian refugees sheltered in AlNeirab Camp, in the northern Syrian province of Aleppo.

AlSayed threatened retaliation against GAPAR and its chief saying no committee should be formed in the camp without the consent of Liwaa AlQuds commander Mohamed AlSa'id.

On August 10, GAPAR's chief Kasem Mohamed Hussein announced the launch of a new six-member committee to follow up on the situation of Palestinian refugees in AlNeirab Camp, in line with Resolution 304 of July 31, 2005.

Private sources told AGPS that GAPAR did not publish the decision on its Facebook page following Adnan AlSayed's retaliation threats.

The sources added that the committee will update Liwaa AlQuds on its decision after its commander returns from Russia.

Nearly 10,000 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 over 90 Palestinian refugees as they fought alongside Liwaa AlQuds forces since 2013.

Over recent years, members of Liwaa AlQuds armed group, affiliated with the Syrian regime, have been accused of running networks for drug trafficking and prostitution in AlNeirab displacement camp and adjacent areas.

In another development, AGPS continues to sound alarm bells over the deteriorating humanitarian condition endured by dozens of Palestinian refugees who fled war-torn Syria to the Kingdom of Thailand. The refugees risk to be forcibly sent back to Syria or tossed into Thai detention centers for indefinite periods of time.

The refugees have renewed their appeals to Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas, the Palestine Embassy, and the United



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Nations to pressurize the Thai authorities so as to release refugees held behind prison bars on claims that they overstayed their visas.

The refugees said the Thai authorities continue to rebuff their appeals for visa-renewal after they overstayed their residence permits. The Thai government also prohibited renting homes to the refugees, who have been considered as lawbreakers rather than asylum-seekers.

Scores of refugees have gone through psychological breakdowns due to the squalid conditions they have been facing in Thailand. Several detained refugees from different nationalities have attempted suicide after they lost hope.

Palestinian refugees from Syria trapped in Thailand continue to slam the apathy maintained by the international community, the United Nations, the Palestine Liberation Organization, and the Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas regarding their suffering.

AGPS calls on the Thai authorities to work out the refugees' legal status after dozens of them overstayed their visas and have, thus, been sent to jail. Dozens of families continue to live in a state of perpetual fear and deep-seated trauma in Thailand.

Last year, the Syrian Embassy in Malaysia imposed a fine of 3,500 USD on expatriates, including Palestinian refugees, who had lived in Syria and wish to have their legal situation worked out.

Meanwhile, representatives of Deraa Camp for Palestinian refugees, south of Syria, showed up at the office of Deraa Governor, Luay Khareitah, on August 16, to update him on the dire humanitarian condition endured by Palestinian refugees in the area.

The delegation also briefed the governor on the water and power crises and called for urgent action by the Governorate.

The Governor pledged to take the necessary measures in order to work out the water crisis in the camp and rehabilitate vital services.

Water has repeatedly been cut off across residential neighborhoods in Deraa camp for Palestinian refugees, south of Syria.

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Most of the families sheltered in the camp are cash-stripped and cannot afford to by potable water from privately-owned tanks at up to 3,000 Syrian pounds a cubic meter.

Palestinian families continue to appeal to the Syrian authorities and the Water Company to take urgent action regarding their appeals to rehabilitate the water network.

All the way through Syria's ten-year conflict, residents of Daraa Camp for Palestinian refugees, south of Syria, have been grappling with dire humanitarian conditions owing to the high rates of unemployment and absence of vital facilities.

Civilians continue to sound distress signals over the absence of health services and life-saving medical kit. Most of the clinics and medical centers in the area have gone out of operation in the warfare.

Deraa camp and its surroundings returned to government control in the summer of 2018. The camp is now largely destroyed. Inside Deraa camp, all UNRWA premises including three school buildings and a clinic need substantial repairs or complete rebuilding.

In the meantime, the Department of Education and Higher Education of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) in Damascus announced the launch of registration procedures for scholarships in Pakistan and Algeria for the academic year 2022/2023.

Palestinian refugee students in Syria, Lebanon, and Jordan should apply on the PLO's official website www.mohe.pna.ps

Palestinian refugee students in Syria wishing to apply for the scholarship should hand over the required documents to the Education Directorate in Damascus.