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"Activists Push for Release of Palestinian Refugee from Syria Detained in Turkey"

- Turkey's Migration Directorate to Renew Travel Documents of Syria Migrants
- Palestinian Refugee Heavily Beaten by Greek Police in Samos Island
- Palestinian Refugee Islam Arsan Locked Up in Syrian State Jail for 7th Year
- 280 Graduates Honored by UNRWA Damascus Training Center

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Latest Developments

Activists have launched calls for releasing Palestinian refugee from Syria Ali Husain Sharshara, who has been detained by the Turkish authorities since October 11, 2019.

Ali, from Syria's Yarmouk Camp, in Damascus, was arrested by Turkish police as he attempted to illegally enter Greece.

Unofficial statistics indicate that 8,000 Palestinians from Syria have sought shelter in Turkey, where they have been facing dire socio-economic conditions and denied access to the local labor market.



Turkish embassies continue to prevent Palestinian refugees from Syria from obtaining visas. As a result, hundreds of Palestinians have embarked on life-threatening journeys via illegal immigration roads to reach Turkey, fleeing war-tattered Syria, among other war-stricken zones.

In another development, the Turkish Directorate General of Migration on Wednesday called upon illegal migrants from Syria in Istanbul who have the kimlik protection card to sign up for personal data updating so they can renew their travel documents, starting October 17.



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Syria migrants with visas or work permits are not implied by the new measure.

The Migration Directorate said holders of kimlik cards should obtain permits in order to be able to freely move in the country.

Recently, Turkish police stepped up crackdowns and abduction sweeps, targeting irregular migrants and non-holders of the kimlik visa card in Istanbul.

Nearly 2,400 Palestinian families from Syria have sought shelter in Turkey, including 1,200 families in Istanbul, where they have been facing an abject situation.



Khayra Ummah organization estimates that 400 Palestinian families from Syria without kimlik visas have been taking refuge in Turkey, among them 300 families in Istanbul.

Along the same line, Greek police came down heavily on Palestinian refugee from Syria Mustafa Akleh in Samos Island after he showed up in the area to retrieve his belongings.

Akleh lived in AlTadhamun neighborhood, in Syria's Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian refugees, south of Damascus.



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Some 900 Palestinian refugees from Syria have sought shelter in the Greek island of Samos, where they have been crammed in overpopulated tents.

In recent months, Greek refugee camps have reportedly been running at three times their capacity. Overpopulated refugee camps cause a shortage of resources, not least healthcare.

Last month, UNICEF warned that the number of unaccompanied migrant minors staying in overcrowded reception centers on the Greek islands exceeds 1,100, the highest level since the peak of the refugee crisis in early 2016, calling on European countries to do more to protect vulnerable children.

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 the meantime, Palestinian refugee Islam Abdullah Arsan has been kept in Syrian state jails for the seventh year running.

Islam, a resident of Khan Eshieh Camp for Palestinian refugees, in Rif Dimashq, was arrested by security forces from the Sa'sa' Branch in Darousha, in Rif Dimashq, on May 8, 2012. He is the first arrestee in the area.



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AGPS kept record of the secret incarceration of 1,768 Palestinian refugees, including 108 women and girls, in Syrian government prisons.

Meanwhile, some 280 students, mostly Palestinian refugees, have received graduation certificates from UNRWA Damascus Training Centre (DTC), located in AlMezzah.

In attendance were UNRWA's Director of Syria Operations, Amany Michael Ebye, and Director-General of the General Authority for Palestinian Arab Refugees, Ali Mustafa.

Speaking at the event, Ebye acclaimed the students' perseverance and strong determination in the war-stricken country.

A few months earlier, UNRWA said it has been able to provide vocational training opportunities for more than 1,500 Palestine refugees in Syria thanks to the generous contributions of donors like the European Union.

According to the UN refugee agency, vocational training has proven to be a vital lifeline in a region deeply affected by the conflict in Syria, which in 2019 has entered its eighth year.

UNRWA also said that its vocational centers play an active role in ensuring that their graduates find employment once they graduate. One of the most successful ways to ensure this is to offer on-the job training.

UNRWA provided vocational training to 1,500 Palestine refugees in 2018. Funding from donors including the European Union has also allowed the Agency to introduce new short courses, such as hairdressing and welding.



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Vocational training courses include mechatronics, air-conditioning (AC) maintenance, sewing, computer maintenance, plumbing, and car electricity, along with medical, information, and engineering specialties.

