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"Palestinian Refugee Separated from her Child in Sweden"

- Resident of Khan Eshieh Camp Released after Six Years in Syria Prison
- Winter Clothes Distributed in AlSabina Camp
- Vaccination Campaign Launched in Jaramana Camp



## **Latest Developments**

A Palestinian refugee woman said the Social Services Office in Sweden, known as "Socialstyrelsen" has interned her 13-year-old girl since October 13, 2020 on claims that the mother believes in extremist doctrines.

The mother reached Sweden some four years ago. Two years later, her four children joined her from Syria. Her child was suddenly driven out of the school and interrogated by social services officers. A court issued a verdict to intern the child over unconfirmed allegations.

The mother has been accused of manipulating her child in reference to the pieces of advice she has been giving her.

"All I did was that I've been advising my child not to go out with delinquents due to increasing reports of drug consumption. Every culture has its own red lines", the mother said.

She added that her daughter is having a normal life and practicing sports activities, including swimming. She has garnered good school results.

"I fled war-torn Syria to Sweden seeking a safer shelter and a dignified life for my children", the mother said. "We, people of the Middle East, are subjected to all forms of discrimination and stereotyping. We are denied our right to live freely".



The mother, who has not seen her daughter for nearly a year, confirmed that the allegations are counterfeit and that claims that she has been involved in violence against her child are just groundless.

In another development, a resident of Khan Eshieh Camp was released from Syrian prisons a few months ago.

AGPS could not publish the piece of news until the ex-prisoner left Syria over security concerns. AGPS has kept his name secret on the same grounds.

The ex-prisoner was arrested in 2015 at a checkpoint run by the Syrian intelligence. He has not have affiliations with any warring party. The reasons for his detention have not been identified.

Meanwhile, activists from AlSabina Camp embarked on a campaign to collect winter clothes to vulnerable people and orphans.

The move comes in response to the price leap, high poverty rates, and the sharp decline in civilians' purchasing power in displacement camps in war-ravaged Syria.

Located some 14 kilometers away from southern Damascus, AlSabina Camp has been gripped with an abject situation owing to the absence of humanitarian assistance, relief aid, proper infrastructure, and vital facilities.

UN data indicates that the camp was established in 1948. Before the conflict in Syria, the camp was home to 22,600 Palestine



refugees. It was taken over by armed opposition groups in 2013. The camp remained closed to civilians for almost four years and houses and infrastructure were damaged in the fighting. In September 2017, civilians were able to return to their homes. All UNRWA installations were in need of repairs.

The whole Palestine population in AlSabina camp suffered from displacement during the crisis and many families left the country and sought refuge in neighboring countries or fled to Europe.

During the conflict, labor opportunities have dwindled and the unemployment rate is still very high with very limited financial resources to help Palestine refugees restore their livelihoods. Like other areas in Syria, displacement, inflation, protection and security risks are among the main concerns shared by Palestine refugees and Syrians alike.

In the meantime, the Syrian Health Ministry in partnership with CSOs launched a vaccination campaign in Jaramana Camp for Palestinian refugees, in Rif Dimashq.

This comes following reports of increasing coronavirus cases in the camp.

Refugees wishing to get vaccinated should show up at AlSa'eka office and present his/her identity documents.

Over 40 people have succumbed to COVID-19 in Jaramana Camp.

Confirmed coronavirus cases have been increasingly reported in Palestinian refugee camps in Syria, at a time when residents have



been launching cries for help over the absence of hygiene kit and medicines.

A few months earlier, AGPS also warned of an unabated outbreak of COVID-19 in Palestinian refugee camps in Syria. Limited access to running water, pharmacies and medical facilities mean displacement camps are more susceptible to the spread of the highly infectious virus. Displacement camps set up in northern Syria are especially vulnerable as most hospitals and medical facilities have been bombed, rendering them out of order.