

الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية The situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria

Palestinians of Syria Denied Access to Bread Via Smart Card

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- Palestinians among 144 Illegal Migrants Detained by Turkish Authorities
- 8 Palestinian Residents of Rukn Aldeen Community Killed in War-Torn Syria

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Latest Developments

A number of Palestinian refugee families said they have not received bread and other food items via the smart cards used by the Syrian government to ration bread and a wider range of subsidized goods, namely fuel, rice, tea, and sugar.

The refugees also slammed the Syrian authorities for denying their children's access to the smart card over claims they have not reached the aged of legal maturity.

After more than twelve years of conflict, Palestine refugees continue to be one of the most vulnerable groups in Syria with immense humanitarian needs.

UNRWA said that protracted displacement, deteriorating socioeconomic conditions aggravated by the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic, dire humanitarian needs and protection concerns continue to affect the lives of Palestine refugees in Syria.

Many PRS lost their sources of income; refugee camps have seen unprecedented levels of destruction; rental prices have dramatically gone up; undernourishment and poverty have been a daily nightmare.

Due to the serious protection gaps, children have been forced to drop out of school and join armed groups to help feed their starving families.

Meanwhile, Palestinian refugee families sheltered in and around Jaramana Camp have raised concerns over the increasing theft attempts and home-burglary reported in the area.

Over recent days, a motorcycle was stolen by an anonymous thief.

Over recent years, residents of Jaramana Camp have launched cries for help over the dire socio-economic conditions, high unemployment rates, poor infrastructure, steep rental fees, and chronic water crisis rocking the area.

Jaramana camp is 8km from Damascus on the road to Damascus International Airport. The camp was established in 1948.

UN data indicates that before the start of the conflict in 2011, there were over 18,000 Palestine refugees living in Jaramana camp.



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During the Syrian crisis, the number of Palestine refugees in the camp and the surrounding area increased to 49,000 due to an influx of displaced Palestine refugees from other areas, including the camp of Yarmouk. As a result, Jaramana has become one of the most densely populated areas of Damascus.

Like other areas in Syria, displacement, unemployment, inflation, protection and security risks are among the main concerns shared by Palestine refugees and Syrians alike.

In another development, a total of 144 illegal migrants, including a number of Palestinian refugees, were detained by gendarmes in Turkey's Aegean province of Muğla on Friday evening.

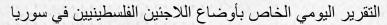
The migrants from Iran, Afghanistan, Syria, Palestine and Bangladesh, among them 43 children and 41 women, were found in three vehicles in the district of Ula near Marmaris, a coastal town frequently used by those who want to pass from Turkey to Greece by boat to seek refugee status in Europe.

The gendarmes also arrested three people on suspicion of smuggling migrants.

Lawyer Türkan Aslan Ağaç from the Law and Human Rights Commission of the Peoples' Democratic Party (HDP) told the news site Gazete Duvar that the immigrants are being held at Ula Repatriation Centre in Muğla province.

Turkey's interior minister announced in November that more than 234,000 illegal migrants have been prevented from entering the country since the beginning of the year. Some 170 people have died and 708 have been wounded in the last three years as a result of Greek officials pushing back migrants who manage to cross the border, Interior Minister Süleyman Soylu told reporters on 20 October.

On the same day, six people died and five others were injured when a bus carrying 31 migrants fell into an irrigation channel in Turkey's southeastern province of Şanlıurfa, on the border with Syria.





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In the meantime, eight Palestinian refugees from Rukn AlDeen community, in Damascus, were pronounced dead since the outbreak of the conflict in Syria.

The list of victims includes four Palestinian refugees who were tortured to death in jail.

Prior to the outbreak of the Syrian warfare, some 25,000 Palestinian refugees used to take shelter in Rukn AlDeen neighborhood.