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## الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية

Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"UN Palestinian Refugee Arrested by Syrian Security Forces"

- Elderly Palestinian Refugee Released from Syrian Prison
- Palestinian Volunteer at Oxfam International Injured in Southern Syria Shootouts
- Vaccination Campaign Launched in Yarmouk Camp



## **Latest Developments**

Syrian security forces deployed at a checkpoint in Daraa arrested on February 17 Palestinian refugee Mahmoud Hamid Awad, aged 55 and sheltered in AlMuzeireeb community, south of Syria.

The motives behind the arrest have not been revealed.

At least 14 Palestinian refugees from Syria's AlMuzeireeb community have been held in Syrian government detention centers, among a total of 1,781 Palestinian refugees secretly locked up in Syria's state-run penal complexes.



Along similar lines, a Palestinian refugee from Daraa camp, south of Syria, was released from a Syrian government prison on February 19, after a four-year detention term.

Scores of Palestinian refugees have, meanwhile, been forcibly disappeared in Syrian government prisons. AGPS believes that the arbitrary internment of Palestinian refugees in war-torn Syria amounts to a war crime.

AGPS calls on the Syrian government to disclose the fate of hundreds of Palestinians forcibly disappeared in state-run dungeons.



Meanwhile, 26-year-old refugee Ibrahim Mohamed, a volunteer at Oxfam International, sustained wounds in a shooting attack that resulted in the death of two Oxfam members.

Unidentified assailants unleashed gunshots on the access road between the southern Syrian towns of AlYadouda and AlMuzeireeb.

Oxfam staff were killed and/or injured while in a relief mission trying to assist schools west of Daraa.



Two of the injured workers sustained severe wounds. They were taken to the Daraa National Hospital and treated by Red Crescent medics.

Oxfam paid tribute to the workers, condemned the attack and called on all sides to ensure the safety of staff delivering lifesaving aid to civilians caught in the conflict.

Moutaz Adham, Oxfam Syria Country Director, said: "We are devastated by the loss of two valued colleagues who were killed as they worked to deliver aid to civilians caught in the Syrian conflict. Our love and thoughts are with their families."

"We condemn the attack in the strongest possible terms. It is essential that aid workers are able to get lifesaving assistance to civilians without being attacked themselves", he stated.



In the meantime, a two-day campaign to vaccinate children aged below five years-old against poliomyelitis has seen the day in Yarmouk camp for Palestinian refugees, in Damascus.

In live photos, medics and paramedics appear touring residential alleyways in order to immunize children.

Thousands of Palestinian and Syrian children who have gone displaced from their homes in war-torn Syria, have been left without life-saving vaccination.

A blockade which had been imposed by the Syrian government forces on Yarmouk Camp for years took away the lives of dozens of Palestinian children as a result of medical negligence, medicine dearth, undernourishment, and the spread of fatal diseases.

