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Latest Developments

12 Palestinian refugees, including three women and a child, were gunned down by Turkish gendarmerie as they attempted to enter the Turkish territories, fleeing war-torn Syria.

The list of casualties includes Mohamed Ahmed AlKhalili, from Yarmouk Camp. He was shot dead while attempting to enter Turkey, along with his wife and children, in February 2016.

In March, 2016, 15-year-old Yazen Ghazi Bilal, from Daraa Camp, was shot as he fled ISIS-held zones in Douidiya, near I'zaz region, on the Turkish-Syrian borders.



On April 14, 2016, Palestinian refugee Emad Azzouz, his wife Amena Salah, and Hanan Mousa, from AlSayeda Zeinab Camp, were shot at the Ibrahim Khalil Khabour Turkish crossing point with Syria. Their toddler survived the shooting.

In the same month, Palestinian refugee Mohamed Ghazawi, from Yarmouk Camp, was shot dead by the Turkish border cops. One month later, Saadou Hasan Zaghmout, also from Yarmouk, was fatally shot.



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On June 23, 2018, four Palestinian refugees were shot dead: Bahaa Reyad Assaad, Mohamed Fayez Assaad, Ahmad Fawaz Assaad, and Ahmad AlSheikh Assaad, all residents of Yarmouk Camp.

Activists have lashed out at the Turkish gendarmerie for infringing international laws and have called for serious probes into shooting attacks and crackdowns perpetrated against Palestinian refugees fleeing ravaged Syria.

AGPS also kept record of the abduction of scores of refugees as they attempted to enter the Turkish territories.

The Turkish embassies continue to prevent Palestinian refugees from Syria from obtaining visas. As a result, hundreds of Palestinians from Syria have embarked on life-threatening journeys via illegal immigration roads to reach Turkey and other launch-off destinations to Europe.

Palestinians from Syria in Turkey have been facing dire living conditions due to the lack of financial resources and restrictions on their access to the labor market. Several families were forced to return to Syria while others have sought asylum in nearby countries.

Along similar lines, nearly 1,000 Palestinians from Syria have been subjected to abject living conditions in Sudan, where they are treated as foreigners rather than asylum-seekers.

Relief institutions have failed to live up to their duties as regards the Palestinian refugee community from Syria, who has been overburdened by the costly fees of visas and registration procedures.

Low wages, high rates of unemployment, and socio-economic marginalization have made life unbearable for Palestinian refugees



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in Sudan, forcing dozens of refugees to beg in the streets in order to feed their starved families.

The calamitous situation endured by the Palestinians from Syria in Sudan has forced scores of refugees to apply for UN-brokered asylum. However, their applications have been turned down. A handful of refugees managed to earn a living.

Dozens of families who fled to Libya, in a life-threatening journey via the Sudanese desert, attempting to head for Europe onboard the “death boats”, have fallen prey to arbitrary abductions, exploitation, and looting by human traffickers and sea gangsters.

Palestinians in Sudan have also been subjected to steep education fees, hitting up to \$150 at schools and \$3,000 at universities. Calls have been frequently launched to teach Palestinian children at UNICEF-run schools.

The refugees continue to slam the apathy maintained by the Palestine Embassy as regards the crisis and the difficulties they have been made to endure trying to obtain a Palestinian passport.

In another development, activists have embarked on a relief campaign aiming to provide humanitarian assistance to the most vulnerable Palestinian families from Syria in Lebanon.

The activists called on Palestinian refugees in Europe to donate the price of 1,000 bread bundles in order to help assist cash-stripped Palestinians from Syria in the tension-stricken Lebanese territories.

Palestinians from Syria in Lebanon continue to express deep concern over their fate as anti-government protests have rolled into the third consecutive month and spiraled into violence.



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Activists have called on UNRWA, the Palestinian Authority, and all other concerned parties to opt for an emergency plan and set relief assistance mechanisms in favor of Palestinian refugee families, most of whom have kept indoors over security concerns.

Palestinian refugees from Syria are reported to lack legal status in Lebanon. The absence of a specific legislation addressing their unique situation along with their ambivalent legal status and the inhospitality shown by local authorities combine to make life unbearable for Palestinian refugees in Lebanon.



The price leap, steep rental fees, expensive education charges, and lack of access to the local labor market, along with the absence of relief aids, have made the situation worse.

Nearly 28,000 Palestinians from Syria have sought refuge in Lebanon, where they have been enduring exacerbated living conditions and subjected to a precarious legal status.

Meanwhile, Palestinian refugee Hasan Ziad Layla, aged 26, has been enduring a mysterious fate in Syrian state prisons for the 7th consecutive year.



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Hasan was kidnapped by Syrian security forces from AlKastal School in Yarmouk Camp. His condition and whereabouts remain mysterious.

AGPS documented the secret detention of over 1,760 Palestinian refugees, including women and minors, in Syrian government lock-ups. Some 330 refugees have also gone missing in the country. Lists of hundreds of forcibly disappeared Palestinian refugees and victims in Syria are available on AGPS website, both in English and Arabic. AGPS supplies a database of their names and the possible times and places of arrest.

