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## الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية

Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"Poor Palestinian Refugee Trapped at Lebanese Hospital"

- Palestinian Refugee from Syria Contracts COVID-19
- Peaceful Vigil Held in Greece Migrant Camp over Dire Conditions
- Relief Campaign Concluded in Northern Syria Displacement Camps



## **Latest Developments**

A Palestinian refugee from Syria has been held at a hospital in the southern Lebanese city of Sidon after he failed to secure treatment charges.

An AGPS news correspondent said the cash-stripped refugee has been unable to garner the required sum in light of the full lockdown imposed across the country in response to coronavirus outbreak.

The UN has identified Palestinian refugees in Lebanon as one of the most marginalized and poorest communities in the region as they continue to face high marginalization, making them heavily reliant on humanitarian support to cover their basic needs. The socioeconomic hardships and unrest experienced by the country have compounded the refugees' already dire living conditions.



The majority of the Palestinian refugee population in Lebanon live in poverty and are unable to meet even their most essential food requirements. The refugees' vulnerability is further compounded by their lack of access to healthcare facilities.



Meanwhile, Palestinian refugee Adnan Khalifa tested positive for the novel coronavirus COVID-19.

The refugee reportedly caught the virus during his work at a healthcare center south of the Netherlands.

So far, 11 cases of COVID-19 infections have been confirmed among the Palestinian refugee community from Syria in Europe, eight among whom live in Sweden and another in Germany.

On March 29, Palestinian refugee from Syria Hasan Tershahani, aged 72, succumbed to the disease in the Netherlands.

In another development, a non-violent vigil has been staged by dozens of asylum-seekers taking shelter in Moria camp, built on Lesvos Island.

The protest moves comes a week after a boy was killed in the area. The refugees continue to denounce the abject conditions they have been enduring in the migrant facility.

Some 465 Palestinian refugees from Syria have been deeply concerned about their fate in the tension-stricken Moria camp.

Frequent fire outbreaks, suicide attempts, violent confrontations, and killing have turned the refugees' life into a daily nightmare.

Palestinian refugees and other migrants have been subjected to a dire humanitarian situation in Moria camp among other substandard facilities set up in Greece, most of them vastly overcrowded, unhygienic and violence-prone.



Over recent months, Moria, one of the biggest refugee camps in Europe, has been running at three times its capacity, with over 19,000 refugees.



Palestinian refugees from Syria continue to risk their lives onboard the "death boats" to Greece. Activists estimate that around 4,000 Palestinian refugees from Syria are taking shelter on Greek islands.

In the meantime, the Ihsan charity has wrapped up a relief campaign in displacement camps set up north of Syria.

As part of the humanitarian initiative, food and non-food items were distributed to displaced Palestinian and Syrian families in the displacement camps of AlRedha, Kahatin, Har Banoush, AlFurqan, Dhiaa 10, and Atameh.

Over recent weeks, AGPS has warned of a projected outbreak of COVID-19 in Palestinian refugee camps in Syria. Though campaigns to help spread awareness among the camps' residents have recently seen the day, limited access to running water, pharmacies and medical facilities means 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.

AGPS is deeply concerned that the lack of transparency maintained by the Syrian government regarding the pandemic will result in a catastrophic situation in displacement camps, at a time when the deadly virus continues to claim the lives of thousands of people across the globe.

The Syrian government has reported only 42 cases of positive COVID-19 tests and three deaths from the virus.