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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"Dozens of Palestinian Refugees Displaced in/from Syria's AlHusainiya Camp"

- Following Pressure by Palestinian Refugees, Spokesman Appointed in I'zaz City
- Palestinian Refugees in Syria Displacement Camp Appeal for Anti-Coronavirus Vaccine
- Coronavirus-Related Death Reported in AlNeirab Camp for Palestinian Refugees
- 10 Members of Palestinian Family Forcibly Disappeared by Syrian Regime



Latest Developments

The warfare in Syria has left thousands of Palestinian refugees homeless and forced thousands more to flee displacement camps set up across the war-torn country to other destinations.

Residents of AlHusainiya Camp, which had come under heavy shelling and sustained massive destruction, have not made the exception. Scores of them fled to other neighboring towns and cities for fear of being arrested, blackmailed, and/or tortured.

A number of refugees and their families risked their lives onboard the "death boats" to Europe, seeking safe shelters and livelihoods.

However, only 20% of the residents could afford the costs of such exorbitant journeys on way to Europe, Lebanon, and Turkey, among other destinations.

High unemployment rates and the absence of relief assistance by UNRWA and other humanitarian institutions have made survival quite difficult in the area.

Offensives launched on the camp using MIG warplanes led to the death of dozens of civilians in AlHusainiya Camp and a massive material destruction. Bloody shootouts between the opposition outfits and the Syrian government forces culminated in the latter's takeover of the camp on October 9, 2013.

In another development, the opposition-run local council in northern Syrian has appointed a spokesman for Palestinian



refugees in I'zaz city and its outskirts, north of Aleppo, in order to follow up on the refugees' situation and broker their access to vital services, including registration of rent/sales contracts, ownership proofs, and personal information updates.

Some 215 Palestinian families displaced from the refugee camps of Khan Eshieh, Yarmouk, and Hindarat, along with southern Damascus towns, have been taking shelter in I'zaz region, where they have been struggling with dire living conditions.

In another development, Palestinian refugees in Khan Eshieh camp, in Rif Dimashq, have called on the concerned authorities in Syria and UNRWA's Health Department to provide elderly and sick people with anti-coronavirus vaccines.

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.



Meanwhile, a Palestinian refugee succumbed to coronavirus on Tuesday in AlNeirab Camp, in Aleppo.

The victim is identified as Mohamed Mahmoud AlNatour, aged 72.

A state of emergency had been declared a few months ago by medics in AlNeirab Camp for Palestinian refugees after a number of medics tested positive for coronavirus.

In the meantime, ten members of a Palestinian refugee family have been secretly incarcerated in Syrian government jails since June 16, 2013.

AGPS identified the family members as: Mahira Mahmoud Amayri (born in 1964), Hadeel Mahmoud Amayri (born in 1987), Aseel Mahmoud Amayri (born in 1988), Widad Mahmoud Amayri (born in 1990), Razan Mahmoud Amayri (born in 2000), Suheer Mahmoud Amayri (born in 1981), and Maysaa Jamal Idris (born in 1979).

The list also includes Firas Waleed Dasouki (born in 1978) along with his children Hamza Firas Dasouki (born in 2011) and Hala Firas Dasouki (born in 2012).

The family members were all kidnapped by Syria's pro-government squads at a checkpoint in Nisreen Street, in AlTadhamun neighborhood.

AGPS kept record of the secret detention of 1,797 Palestinian refugees in Syrian state dungeons, among them 110 women and girls.



AGPS continues to call on the Syrian government to disclose the fate of hundreds of Palestinians forcibly disappeared in state-run penitentiaries.

AGPS believes that the arbitrary internment of Palestinian refugees in war-torn Syria amounts to a war crime.

AGPS kept record of several cases where Palestinians have been kidnapped at government checkpoints or during assaults carried out by government troops on Palestinian refugee camps and shelters. In most such cases, the detainees' families receive their relatives' bodies from a military or government hospital while wrapped up in a plastic bag or in a blood-tainted piece of cloth.