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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"Palestinian Refugees Stranded on Greek Island Appeal for Urgent Humanitarian Action"

- Palestinian Boy from Syria Wins Best Player Award from Swedish Soccer Club
- Palestinian Refugee Amjad Mootassem Held in Syrian Jail for 5th Consecutive Year
- Relief Aids Distributed to Palestinians from Syria South of Turkey



Latest Developments

Palestinian refugees from Syria trapped on the Greek island of Samos have launched distress signals over their alarming humanitarian condition.

An AGPS reporter said the refugees have been crammed in overcrowded and unequipped refugee tents and denied access to vital services.

Children have caught severe illnesses due to the heavy rain downpours and low temperatures rocking the region. The refugees have been subjected to medical negligence and the absence of relief assistance.

Those who have been stranded on the island have reportedly been lining up in the long queues for over five hours daily to receive meals to feed their starved children.



The situation has been made worse by the mistreatment the migrants have been enduring by Greek police and the violence erupting between policemen and Afghani asylum-seekers.



In recent years, Greek refugee camps have reportedly been running at three times their capacity. Overpopulated refugee camps cause a shortage of resources, not least healthcare.

A few months earlier, UNICEF warned that the number of unaccompanied migrant minors staying in overcrowded reception centers on the Greek islands exceeds 1,100, the highest level since the peak of the refugee crisis in early 2016, calling on European countries to do more to protect vulnerable children.

Palestinian refugees from Syria continue to risk their lives onboard the "death boats" to Greece, rummaging around for a momentary respite from the daily scenes of bloodshed and destruction.

AGPS has kept record of the death of dozens of refugees onboard Greece-bound ships. Several others have been arrested by Turkish coast guards.

Activists estimate that around 4,000 Palestinian refugees from Syria are taking cover on such Greek islands as Lesbos, Mytilene, Chios, Leros, and Kos, among other areas.

In another development, Palestinian refugee from Syria Taher Salah Talal was granted the Best Player Award in Helsingborg football club in Sweden.

Ahmas was raised in Syria's Khan Eshieh camp for Palestinian refugees.

Dozens of displaced Palestinian refugees have achieved success stories, despite of the traumatic upshots wrought by daily scenes of bloodshed and destruction across the embattled Syrian territories.



Thousands of children have gone orphaned after they lost one or both of their parents in the deadly warfare.

The conflict in Syria has had traumatic fallouts on Palestinian refugee children in and outside of Syria. Post-traumatic stress disorders, mental psychosis, sleeplessness and nightmares, eating disorders, and intense fear have all been reported among Palestinian children from Syria.

Meanwhile, Palestinian refugee Amjad Mahmoud Mootassem has been held in Syrian government prisons for the fifth year running.

Mootassem was arrested by Syrian security forces in November 2014 from AlMasna' area, on his way back from Lebanon. He is a resident of Aleppo-based Handarat Camp.



AGPS documented the secret incarceration of 1,769 Palestinian refugees in Syrian government penitentiaries, among them dozens of female refugees.



In the meantime, Khayra Ummah Organization handed over food aids to Palestinian families from Syria in the southern Turkish city of Osmaniye as part of the "Warmth and Peace" winter aid campaign for 2019.

Relief officers said the food baskets were donated by the Indonesian charity KNRP.

Unofficial statistics indicate that 8,000 Palestinians from Syria have sought shelter in Turkey, where they have been facing dire socioeconomic conditions and denied access to the local labor market.

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

