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"Dozens of Families Flee Blockaded Deraa Camp"

- Palestinian Refugee Missing for over 10 Days
- Palestinian Refugees in Lebanon Facing Squalid Conditions
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Latest Developments

Dozens of Palestinian refugee families sheltered in Deraa Camp, south of Syria, have fled the area for fear of deadly escalations by the Syrian regime forces and their Russian allies.

A couple of days earlier, the Syrian regime attacked Deraa AlBalad, south of Syria, with anti-aircraft guns, forcing dozens of families out of their homes and shelters.

Syrian regime troops have been deployed at checkpoints pitched around Deraa city, including around the city's Palestinian refugee camp.

Assad regime forces have been blockading the crowded neighborhood of Deraa AlBalad and Deraa Camp, in southern Syria for over a three weeks. As a result the humanitarian situation has taken a turn for the worse.

Civilians have had no access to healthcare facilities in the area and have run out of much-needed medicines, including cancer drugs. The life of pregnant women and patients in need of hemodialysis is particularly at risk. There is only one certified midwife in the area.

On June 25, the regime forces asked the residents and former opposition forces to lay down all light weapons and allow them to search their homes. However, the Daraa Central Committee, the main reconciliation center in the area, noted that they were only supposed to hand in heavy weapons as part of the Russian-



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brokered agreement signed in July 2018. The regime then started imposing a blockade on some 40,000 civilians living in the area.

All entrances and exits from the district have been blocked, and the transportation of all medical and food assistance, as well as fuel, has been prohibited.

Daraa-based activists told Anadolu Agency (AA) that another reason for the regime to impose the blockade was because the region's people had opposed setting up ballot boxes for the regime's so-called elections.

Daraa was one of the main bastions of opposition that came under intense attacks by the regime.

In 2018, Assad regime forces, backed by allied Russian forces, started a massive ground and air offensive to retake Daraa from the opposition. The onslaught forced more than 320,000 people to flee and camp in open spaces or makeshift shelters near the border with Jordan or the Golan Heights.

In another development, Palestinian refugee Walid Husain Husain has gone missing for over 10 days.

Walid, born in 1977, disappeared from Deraa, south of Syria. His condition and whereabouts could not be identified.

Meanwhile, Palestinian refugees from Syria (PRS) in Lebanon are grappling with increased hardship and vulnerability, due to long-term displacement and difficult socio-economic conditions.



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The recent political instability in the country, coupled with the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic, has made survival difficult for Palestinian refugees.

According to UNRWA, 87% of PRS live in poverty in the Lebanese territories.

Nearly 65% of Palestinian refugees in Lebanon (PRL) live in poverty.

257,000 Palestinian refugees in Lebanon are in need of UNRWA emergency cash assistance.

Over 470,000 refugees are registered with UNRWA in Lebanon. About 45 per cent of them live in the country's 12 refugee camps. Conditions in the camps are dire and characterized by overcrowding, poor housing conditions, unemployment, poverty and lack of access to justice.

Palestinians in Lebanon do not enjoy several important rights; for example, they cannot work in many professions and cannot own property (real estate). Because they are not formally citizens of another state, Palestine refugees are unable to claim the same rights as other foreigners living and working in Lebanon.

In the meantime, Palestinian refugee Samir Kasem Mohamed, born in 1985, has been secretly locked up in Syrian government prisons for ten years running.



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Samir was kidnapped on November 11, 2011 near AlHamed Mall, in Daraa. His condition and whereabouts have been shrouded in mystery.

His family continues to appeal for information regarding his condition and whereabouts.

According to AGPS data, 1,797 Palestinian refugees have been secretly incarcerated in Syria's state-run jails, including dozens of women and minors.