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"Palestine Refugee Agency Discusses Reconstruction of Aleppo Displacement Camps"

- Palestinian Family Reveal Secrets of Fatal Torture in Syrian Prisons
- Residents of Khan Eshieh Camp for Palestinian Refugees Denounce Mistreatment at UNRWA Clinic
- March Held in Khan Dannun Camp in Solidarity with Palestinian Detainees in Israeli Prisons



Latest Developments

Director of UNRWA operations in Aleppo Amanya Michael Ebye met with CSOs and representatives of the General Authority for Palestinian Arab Refugees (GAPAR) in Aleppo to discuss the humanitarian situation in AlNeirab Camp for Palestinian refugees.

The meeting discussed the possibility of distributing cash aid of 112,500 Syrian pounds to the most vulnerable families and 82,500 to ordinary cases along with food baskets with the start of the new year.

During the meeting, CSOs called for including all registered families in fuel aid after GAPAR Genera-Director Kasem Husain said only the most vulnerable families will benefit from fuel supplies.

Calls were also made for enhancing the working conditions of UNRWA day labourers.

The parties further discussed ways to reconstruct the school and clinic in Hindarat Camp, in Aleppo, and rehabilitate habitable houses after providing owners with cash aid to that end.

In another development, families of two Palestinians tortured to death in Syria's state-run prisons have remembered with great sorrow the loss of their beloved relatives.



Palestinian brothers Mohamed and Nabil Fayad Mustafa died under torture in Syrian regime prisons.

Their brother Fadhel said Nabil was pronounced dead in 2013 at Security Branch 215; Mohamed died just three months later at the same branch.

Another relative said their father died shortly after due to psychological trauma inflicted by the loss of his two sons.

The two brothers, residents of Kafr Sousa, in Damascus, were kidnapped in 2013 by the regime Brigade 215.

AGPS has documented the death of over 600 Palestinian refugees under torture in Syrian government penitentiaries.

Meanwhile, residents of Khan Eshieh Camp, in Rif Dimashq, have spoken out against the mistreatment they have been subjected to by staff members at a UNRWA-run clinic in the camp.

Local activists have urged the UN refugee agency, the General Authority for Palestinian Arab Refugees, and all other concerned authorities to take immediate action in response to the mistreatment they have been facing at the UNRWA clinic.

In a statement emailed to AGPS, the residents slammed the medical staff at the clinic for their apathy regarding the appeals of a number of patients for much-needed treatment and medicines, along with psychological support.



Living conditions in Khan Eshieh have sharply deteriorated due to the lack of financial resources and high unemployment rates wrought by the unbridled warfare.

According to UN data, Khan Eshieh camp was built several centuries ago to give overnight accommodation to trading caravans on the ancient route between Jerusalem and Constantinople (modern day Istanbul). In 1948, the ruins of the city provided shelter for refugees from villages in northern Palestine.

The camp, which lies 23 km south of Damascus, was officially established in 1950-1951 on an area of 0.03 square kilometers. The camp was home to 10,000 Palestine refugees by 2011, almost all of whom were living in irregular housing, constructed without any formal approval from the municipality.

Before the conflict in Syria, the camp was already one of the poorest camps in Syria. The conflict exerted additional pressures. The camp was surrounded by armed opposition groups and many refugee families displaced from other areas of Damascus took refuge in the camp, tripling the number of residents to some 30,000 during the crisis. Currently, the camp is home to 12,650 Palestine refugees. The increase of the camp population has had a negative impact on the camp's infrastructure.

Along similar lines, dozens of residents of Khan Dannun Camp for Palestinian refugees joined a march staged in solidarity with Palestinians held behind Israeli prison bars.



The marchers spoke up against Israeli human rights abuses and called for an end to administrative detention (imprisonment with neither charge nor trial).

According to prisoners' rights group Addameer, there are currently 4,650 Palestinians held in Israeli jails in Israel and the occupied territories.

Palestinians view them as political prisoners attempting to end Israel's illegal occupation.