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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"Palestinian Refugees Detained in Thailand Launch Cry for Help"

- 2 Palestinian Refugees from Syria Drown in Evros River
- Palestinians from Syria Stranded in Violence-Prone Greek Camp Sound Distress Signals
- Palestinian Refugees from Syria Join Pro-Jerusalem Vigil Held in Turkey
- 3 Palestinian Brothers Forcibly Disappeared in Syrian Prisons for 6th Year

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Victims

Two Palestinian refugees from Syria were pronounced dead after they drowned on the perilous journey across the Evros River, near the Turkish-Greek borders.

An AGPS reporter said the victims are Yazen Milad Qudsiya, from Handarat refugee camp, and Layth Mohamed, from Jaramana camp.

The Evros region is a major crossing point for refugees and migrants trying to enter the EU from Turkey.

AGPS documented the death of 55 Palestinian refugees from Syria as they tried to cross borders on Europe-bound migrant boats.



Latest Developments

A number of Palestinian refugees from Syria held at the IDC detention center in Bangkok, in Thailand, have appealed to the international human rights and humanitarian institutions to urgently work on their release from custody, where they have been mistreated by the Thai authorities.



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An activist said 21 refugees, including 12 Palestinians from Syria, a Gazan refugee, three Syrian migrants, and four Iraqis, have been held behind Thai prison bars for years.

Activists quoted Thai officials as stating that the refugees will only be freed if bails are shelled out to local authorities or if they are deported to another destination.



A number of Palestinian and Syrian migrants were arrested in Thailand for overstaying their visas and sent to jail, where they have been subjected to poor captivity conditions.

AGPS continues to urge the international human rights and humanitarian bodies along with the Palestinian institutions and Thai authorities to take all necessary measures in order to release the detained refugees and treat them in line with international law and human rights conventions.

Along similar lines, some 465 Palestinian refugees from Syria have been deeply concerned about their fate in the tension-stricken Moria camp, pitched on the Greek island of Lesbos.



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Frequent fire outbreaks, suicide attempts, violent confrontations, and killing have turned the refugees' life into a daily nightmare. At least two migrants were fatally stabbed in the camp in less than one month after confrontations burst out between migrants.

Official Greek statistics indicate that there are 10 refugees in Moria Hospital, as a result of wounds sustained in confrontations or burglary attacks in the overcrowded facility.

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 12,000 refugees.

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.

Activists estimate that around 4,000 Palestinian refugees from Syria are taking shelter on Greece islands.



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In the meantime, a number of Palestinian refugees from Syria took part in a Friday vigil staged in AlFateh Mosque square to speak out against Israeli violations in occupied Jerusalem and in solidarity with the Imam of AlAqsa Mosque, Sheikh Ekrema Sabri.

The vigil, organized by Turkish NGOs, dovetails the so-called Fajr AlAmal (Dawn of Hope) launched by sit-inners at AlAqsa Mosque in protest at the repeated break-ins by Israeli police and settlers into the holy site and the Israeli decision to ban Ekrema Sabri from the Mosque.



Last Sunday, Israeli police summoned Sheikh Sabri to questioning and handed him over a decision banning him from entering AlAqsa Mosque until January 25.

Meanwhile, three Palestinian brothers from AlTaamari family, sheltered in Yarmouk Camp, have been secretly held in Syrian government prisons for the sixth consecutive year.

The refugees were identified as: Khaled Jamal AlTaamari, 26; Mohamed Jamal AlTaamari, 23; and Ahmad Jamal AlTaamari, 19. They were arrested on May 1, 2014 on their way out of Yarmouk



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camp through Ali AlWahsh checkpoint, run by the Syrian government forces. At the time, the Syrian government claimed a humanitarian corridor had been opened before civilians. But hundreds of Palestinian refugees ended up in jail, according to eye-witnesses.

AGPS documented the secret detention of over 1,760 Palestinian refugees, including women and minors, in Syrian government lock-ups. Some 330 refugees have also gone missing in the country.

Lists of hundreds of forcibly disappeared Palestinian refugees and victims in Syria are available on AGPS website, both in English and Arabic. AGPS supplies a database of their names and the possible times and places of arrest.