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The situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



Palestinian Refugee Arrested in The Netherlands over War Crime Allegations

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Latest Development

Dutch police arrested on Tuesday, May 24, a Palestinian refugee from his house in Kerkrade village over suspicions of involvement in war crimes and crimes against humanity.

The refugee was a resident of AlNeirab Camp, in the northern Syrian province of Aleppo. He was born on April 18, 1986. He has been living in The Netherlands since 2020.

The arrestee dropped out of school (8th grade) and practiced several jobs. With the beginning of uprisings in Syria, he was involved in campaigns to suppress protesters at gunpoint. In 2013, he joined the pro-regime Liwaa AlQuds militia.

The refugee has been accused of selling heavy weapons to ISIS militiamen and Russian weapons to Kurdish gunmen, resulting in altercations with Liwaa AlQuds commander Mohamed Al'Asaid.

AGPS has been told that the arrestee had been running warehouses of stolen items. Weapons, ammunition, and rocket-propelled grenades were also spotted at his house. A worker was injured as a result of a blast at the refugee's house in 2016. Shortly after, Liwaa AlQuds issued an arrest warrant against him over charges of extra-judicial execution and theft.

In 2020, he fled war-torn Syria to Turkey before he reached The Netherlands through Greek borders.

The Syrian Center for Media and Freedom of Expression said that based on the legal complaint it had submitted, the Dutch Police International Crimes Team arrested the 34-year-old Palestinian-



Syrian suspect (M) and referred him to the investigative judge on charges related to suspected war crimes and crimes against humanity in Syria in the past years.

The complaint file submitted by the Center included a set of evidence proving that the suspect committed a number of violations which can be considered war crimes and crimes against humanity, including five testimonies of witnesses, three of whom were direct victims of the suspect's crimes.

The complaint also included lists of victims who were documented in Violations Documentation Center (VDC) databases, in addition to an investigation prepared by the center's litigation team, and a set of visual evidence and information from open sources.

Lawyer Tariq Hoka, director of the strategic litigation project at the Center (SCM), had indicated that the strategic litigation team had begun investigations into the suspect's file in June 2020, after receiving the news of his arrival in the Netherlands. This was accompanied by preliminary information that he committed grave crimes against the Syrians, which were received from the direct victims of the suspect.

The court had announced that the accused would be questioned by the investigating judge in The Hague on Friday, May 27, 2022. The case is one of five files previously submitted by the Syrian Center for Media and Freedom of Expression to the Dutch authorities regarding possible war crimes suspects in the Syrian Arab Republic.



In another development, residents of AlRaml Camp for Palestinian refugees, in Latakia, have launched appeals for information about the condition and whereabouts of their relatives who have gone missing after they boarded a migrant boat from Tunisia.

The boat with 23 people onboard set sail from Tunisian coast on Monday, May 23.

Media sources claimed the engine exploded off Tunisian coast. A number of migrants sustained burns. Tunisian coast guard rescued the migrants and transferred them to Sfax National Hospital for urgent treatment.

Other sources said the migrants were transferred to a hospital in the island country of Malta.

Meanwhile, the Palestine Embassy in Damascus said Palestinians who apply for passport issuance or renewal starting April 12 should show up at the embassy headquarters and present the required identity documents uploaded on the embassy website.

Two personal photos with a blue background and a payment notice from the bank should also be presented to the embassy. Any application that does not meet the above-mentioned requirements will not be considered.

In the meantime, tutorials have been held by UNRWA for 9th graders who are about to sit for the national exams starting May 29.

The courses are held between May 8-19.



In the 2021/2022 school year, in Syria, UNRWA provided basic education from grades 1-9 to approximately 50,001 Palestine refugee students in 102 UNRWA schools located in Damascus, Rif Damascus, Aleppo, Hama, Homs, Latakia and Dera'a.

Young Palestine refugees have been especially vulnerable to the effects of the conflict in Syria as the majority of UNRWA schools are located within the Palestine refugee camps themselves. Schools have suffered from the conflict and many have been closed.

Last year, 89.9% of the 4,535 Palestine refugee students registered with the Agency in Syria passed their national 9th grade exams while other schools in the war-torn country got a success rate of 76.23%.