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## "Palestinian Child from Syria Loses Parents in War-Torn Syria"

- Lebanese Security Forces Shut Doors of Palestinian, Syrian Shops
- Member of Pro-Government Liwaa AlQuds Battalion Released by Syrian Forces
- Leisure Activities Held for Palestinian Children in Qudsaya



## **Latest Developments**

Palestinian girl Sham, aged four, has lost her patents and grandfather in the raging warfare rocking the Syrian territories.

Sham was deported from her home in Yarmouk Camp to southern Damascus, before she was sent to Deir Ballout Camp, north of Syria, where she has been taking shelter in a poorly-equipped tent.

Sham's father Omar AlMesri was kidnapped by Syrian government forces some four years ago. His condition and whereabouts have been shrouded in mystery.



Her mother Hadil Abu Madi was also kidnapped by ISIS militias from Yarmouk Camp on July 8, 2016, before she was executed six months later over allegations of collaboration with the Syrian government.

The child's uncle, Lorens Abu Madi, has been missing since July 5, 2013 after he had disappeared from AlTadhamun neighborhood, south of Damascus.



Her grandmother was kidnapped by pro-government squads on January 24, 2016 and was released in a prisoner swap deal struck on February 3, 2017.

Sham's only living relative, her grandfather Mohamed Yasin Abu Madi, called Abu URWA, died from a heart attack rocking his vulnerable body as a result of medical neglect and the freezing temperatures that swamped Deir Ballout Camp.

Activist Fatima Jaber said Sham, along with her uncle and grandmother, have been taking refuge inside a ramshackle tent in Deir Ballout. She has reportedly been going through sleepless nights and refusing to eat food owing to the loss of her dearest grandfather, whom she calls "baba" (dad).

Meanwhile, Lebanese news outlets said the General Security Directorate has embarked on a large-scale campaign in Tripoli and Minieh-Denieh districts to close shops owned by Syrian migrants and Palestinians from Syria.



The campaign targeted shops owned or rented by Syrians and Palestinians who have been illegally taking shelter in Lebanon. A number of shops were shut using red wax.

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Sometime earlier, the Lebanese security forces closed all shops used by illegal migrants from war-torn Syria in Sur, south of Lebanon. Shopkeepers and employers who provide labor for illegal migrants from Syria received penalty threats.

Nearly 31,000 Palestinian refugees from Syria have sought shelter in Lebanon, where they have been grappling with dire living conditions due to their lack of access to the local labor market and the absence of vital services, most notably health care and education.

In the meantime, Palestinian refugee Adham Shahada Rafe', aged 19, was released from a Syrian state detention center following a 15-day remand.

Rafe' is a member of the Liwaa AlQuds battalion, affiliated with the Syrian government. He is a resident of AlNeirab Camp, in Aleppo.

Sometime earlier, a number of Liwaa AlQuds affiliates, most notably Samer Rafe', were arrested by the Syrian security forces over charges of corruption and arms sales. Activists also slammed commander Mohamed AlSa'id of blackmailing.

In another development, a set of Leisure activities was held by the Palestine Charity for the Relief of the Palestinian People at the Jaffa Center for Developmental Activities in Qudsaya, in Rif Dimashq.

More than 20 children took part in the activities. A discussion was also held at the event to raise awareness of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.



Some 6,000 Palestinian families have been taking refuge in Qudsaya, where they have been enduring dire conditions as a result of the price leap, steep rental fees, and lack of relief assistance.



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