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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"PLA Mourns Death of 3 Officers in Syria"

- Palestinian Refugee Tortured to Death in Syrian Prisons
- Palestinian Refugee from Syria Missing for 3rd Year in Istanbul
- Residents of Khan Dannoun Camp Rail against Price Hike
- UNRWA Denies Intent to Deport Palestinians of Syria and Lebanon



Victims

The Palestine Liberation Army (PLA) lamented the death of three members: Walid Mer'i, the commander of Saeka 412 Brigade, along with officers Amar Issa and Abdul Karim Melhem Ali.

The three officers were killed on September 25 while fighting alongside the Syrian government forces near Taloul AlSafa town, in AlSweida's eastern desert.



261 PLA fighters have been pronounced dead all the way through the seven-year warfare in Syria.

At the same time, Palestinian refugee Udai Sabri AlHelou, born in 1997, died under torture in Syrian government jails.

AlHelou was kidnapped at the government-run AlBatikha checkpoint in 2014 on his way out of Yarmouk Camp, south of Damascus.

AlHelou's mother is a Syrian national; his father is a native of the blockaded Gaza Strip. The family has been taking shelter in Yarmouk Camp.



Latest Developments

The family of the Palestinian refugee Omar Mohamed Kheir Abu Nahiya, born in 1988 and raised in Yarmouk Camp, appealed to all international human rights institutions, namely Amnesty International, to work on revealing their son's fate, who had disappeared some three years ago from Istanbul.

In appeals emailed to AGPS, Abu Nahiya's family said their son suffers from psychological disorders and a hearing loss. He disappeared from his home on April 27, 2014, shortly after his friend, Youssef AlRefai' left the house to fetch much-needed items. When the latter went back home he did not find him there.



The family informed the Turkish authorities about their son's absence. However, his fate has gone mysterious and no pieces of information have been provided as regards his whereabouts and condition.

Meanwhile, living conditions in Khan Dannoun Camp, in Rif Dimashq, have sharply deteriorated due to the lack of financial resources and high unemployment rates wrought by the raging warfare.



Chronic outages in water, power, and telecommunication networks have added bad to worse.

The residents have also spoken out against the transportation crisis and the difficulties they have been facing in moving back from and to the camp, located some 23 kilometers away from southern Damascus. Students and workers have to wait four long hours to reach their destinations. The residents said transportation fees often take 1/4 of their salaries.

In the meantime, UNRWA's spokeswoman in Lebanon Hoda Samra denied recent social media reports about the agency's intent to forcibly transfer Palestinian refugees in Syria and Lebanon to other destinations.

UNRWA said such claims are counterfeit, confirming the agency's willingness to continue to provide much-needed services for Palestinian refugees in its fields of operations and to live up to its UN-granted mandate.

UNRWA spokesperson in Lebanon said factual reports and authentic statements are available only on the agency's official website and online pages.

A report was recently released by a number of Palestinian refugees from Syria and Lebanon who said they received it from UNRWA representatives. According to the report, the agency received instructions from the New York-headquartered UN to relocate the Palestinians of Syria and Lebanon.