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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



### "4 Palestinian Refugees Arrested in Southern Damascus Manhunt"

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## Latest Developments

Four Palestinian refugees from Yarmouk Camp were arrested in a security campaign targeting dozens of civilians in southern Damascus.

According to Sawt AlAsima news network, over 35 young men were rounded up in Yalda, Babila, and Beit Sahem towns, south of Damascus, in an arrest sweep launched by Syrian intelligence officers.

Syrian security forces escorted by military patrols ransacked dozens of homes and shops in the area in the hunt for wanted persons.



20 youths were reportedly arrested in Yalda after Syrian government troops ravaged their homes. The security forces also tightened grips on the access roads to the area.

Opposition activists and leaders along with ex-members of Aknaf Beit AlMaqdis battalion were at the forefront of the arrest sweep.

Activists said the manhunt was sparked by criminal complaints filed against former opposition affiliates accused of killing pro-government leaders.



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In recent years, the Syrian government has used mass detention and other crackdown tactics to reassert its grip on former opposition areas.

Along the same line, Palestinian squads affiliated with the Syrian government have gone through an unprecedented financial crisis after they scaled down their military activities at government-held sites.

Senior officers from the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) – General Command (GC) said dozens of gunmen have not received their salaries for months.



Over recent months, a number of Palestinian factions in Damascus have laid off dozens of Palestinian gunmen. The Free Palestine Movement, Fatah AlIntifada, and AlSa'eka groups disarmed dozens of pro-government fighters and cut off their salaries.

Speaking with AGPS, local sources attributed the Lay-off to the de-escalation and funding shortfall. The move reportedly stirred the wrath of a number of kicked-out officers who have no other sources of income. Several injured fighters also said they have received no compensations over their military services.





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Hundreds of Palestinian refugees have been killed as they joined pro-government battles waged against opposition groups, ISIS militias, and AlNusra battalions.

In another development, Palestinian refugee Alaa Mohamed Dirbas has been secretly held in Syrian government prisons for eight years running.

Alaa was arrested in 2011 at a government checkpoint in Naher Eisha, in Rif Dimashq. His condition and whereabouts remain unknown.



According to AGPS data, 1,768 Palestinian refugees, including 108 women, have been enduring mysterious fates in Syria's state run penal complexes.

Meanwhile, thousands of Palestinian refugees from Syria who returned to the blockaded Gaza Strip have been enduring dire living conditions due to the 12-year-long Israeli siege and the devastating upshots of the Israeli onslaughts on the coastal enclave.



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The Palestinians of Syria in Gaza also attributed the crisis to the apathy maintained by the human rights institutions, most notably the UNRWA and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

Civilians continue to launch cries for help over the high rates of unemployment, lack of financial resources, and movement crackdowns, which they said have made life quite unbearable in Gaza.

The offensives launched by the Israeli military on Gaza have turned the enclave into a hell on earth as most families have lost their sources of incomes, homes, and property. The lack of relief assistance has added bad to worse.

Over recent years, the refugees kept urging the Palestinian Authority, PLO, political factions, and international institutions to live up to their responsibilities, including securing the refugees' moral and physical protection, in line with international law.