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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



### "Palestinian Family Released from Greek Custody after 60 Days"

- Leisure Activities Held in Daraa Camp for Palestinian Refugees
- Palestinian Child from Syria Wins Austria Chess Contest
- Displaced Palestinian Families in Lebanon Return to Syria

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## Latest Developments

The Greek authorities released on Saturday, November 23, 120 migrants, including Palestinians from Syria, who have been detained on Rhodes Island for nearly 60 days.

The freed migrants include Palestinians, Iraqis, and Syrians.

The list of released migrants includes Palestinian refugee from Syria Thaer Tamim, along with his wife and two children, who reached Simi Island on September 22, 2019, coming from Turkey. The family was transferred to Rhodes Island after their health had taken a turn for the worse.

On September 26, Thaer was sent to a detention center on Rhodes Island while his wife Rima Abdul Kader and two children Abdul Rahman and Bilsan were taken to Lalisos Police Station on Rhodes Island.



The family had been subjected to mistreatment by the prison authorities. Wardens refused to give them winter blankets and drinking water. They were kept behind prison bars without



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charges. Authorities claimed that they were kept in jail because of over crowdedness in refugee camps and migrant reception centers.

Thaer and his family had also been left without treatment. Thaer, who is diagnosed with urinary tract disorders and severe inflammations, got his teeth falling out and sustained right hip fractures. His children suffered weight loss, anemia, and vitamin D deficiency.

In recent years, Greek refugee camps have reportedly been running at three times their capacity. Overpopulated refugee camps cause a shortage of resources, not least healthcare.

Last month, 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.

AGPS has kept record of the death of dozens of refugees onboard Greece-bound ships. Several others have been arrested by Turkish coast guards.

Activists estimate that around 4,000 Palestinian refugees from Syria are taking cover on such Greek islands as Lesbos, Mytilene, Chios, Leros, and Kos, among other areas.





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Meanwhile, AlSafsaf School, in partnership with UNRWA and the Daraa Youth Center, organized activities for children in Daraa camp, south of Syria. The event falls in line with the Universal Children's Day.

Over 600 Palestinian families taking shelter in Daraa Camp, south of Syria, have been subjected to dire conditions due to the absence of vital services and relief assistance.



Founded in 1950-1951, Daraa Camp is home to over 650 displaced Palestinian families. As many as 4,500 families used to take shelter in the camp prior to the outbreak of the conflict in 2011

In another development, Palestinian child Mohamed Anwar Ali, from Syria's Khan Eshieh refugee camp, won the gold medal as part of chess competition staged between 130 contestants representing different Austrian schools.

Mohamed received the best player award. His team snatched the third place at the contest.



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Several Palestinian children have achieved success stories across several European destinations despite the traumatic upshots of Syria's eight-year warfare.



In the meantime, a number of Palestinian families who fled war-torn Syria to Lebanon have returned to Syria after anti-government protests have reached a peak in the Lebanese territories.

The price leap, dire socio-economic conditions, and delays in the transfer of UNRWA aids have forced dozens of families to return to the tension-stricken country.

Over 80% of Palestinians from Syria in Lebanon depend on UNRWA aids for survival.

Palestinians from Syria in Lebanon continue to express deep concern over their fate in the midst of the large-scale protests sweeping the Lebanese territories for over 40 days to topple the incumbent government.

Activists have called on UNRWA, the Palestinian Authority, and all other concerned parties to opt for an emergency plan and set relief



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assistance mechanisms in favor of Palestinian refugee families, most of whom have kept indoors over security concerns.

Palestinian refugees from Syria are reported to lack legal status in Lebanon. The absence of a specific legislation addressing their unique situation along with their ambivalent legal status and the inhospitality shown by local authorities combine to make life unbearable for Palestinian refugees in Lebanon.

The price leap, steep rental fees, expensive education charges, and lack of access to the local labor market, along with the absence of relief aids, have made the situation worse.

Earlier this year, Lebanon's labor ministry has clamped down on businesses employing foreigners without valid work permits, including Palestinian refugees from Syria.

Activists have condemned the crackdown as a mere pretext to pressure refugees to return to the war-torn country, as amid an economic downturn casts, foreigners are increasingly being portrayed as stealing jobs from the local population. However, this is a misleading forgone conclusion.

Nearly 28,000 Palestinians from Syria have sought refuge in Lebanon, where they have been enduring exacerbated living conditions and subjected to a precarious legal status.