

"Palestinian Refugees Arrested by Turkish Border Cops on Way to Greece"

- Authorities Okay Reconstruction of Yarmouk School
- 5 Members of Liwaa AlQuds Injured in Tadmur Shootouts
- Relief Aids Handed Over to Palestinian Refugees North of Syria

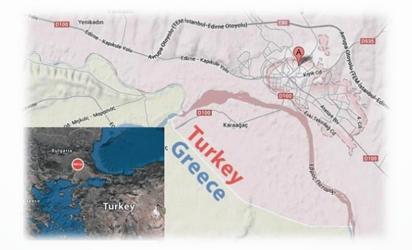


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Turkish border police arrested Palestinian and Syrian migrants as they attempted to cross the border with Greece through Evros River.

Palestinian activists said the migrants, who fled Syria's embattled refugee camps of Yarmouk and Khan Eshieh, were transferred to a camp set up in Edirne, northwest of Turkey, and have been facing a squalid humanitarian condition.

Over recent years, Evros River served as a launch-off destination for thousands of illegal migrants wishing to disembark in Greece, fleeing Turkey and nearby conflict zones.



Palestinian refugees from Syria who have been stranded in Greece continue to sound distress signals after most European states opted for a closed-door immigration policy, leaving hundreds of refugees trapped in underequipped makeshift refugee camps.

An agreement between Turkey and Greece to tighten grip on refugees from Syria trying to creep into the Greek territories via the Turkish borders has made the situation far worse.

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Palestinian and Syrian migrants in Turkey face an exacerbated humanitarian situation due to the absence of vital services, including health care, housing, relief assistance, and power and water. The refugees continue denounce the mistreatment and crackdowns they have been subjected to by the Greek police. A number of migrants were injured after they were heavily beaten by cops.

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 near the borders.

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

In another development, the education chief in Yarmouk Camp, Walid AlKurdi, said the Syrian government has signaled the go-ahead for the reconstruction of a UNRWA school in the camp.



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According to AlKurdi, the move aims at opening up classes for students who walk for long distances every day to reach their schools in AlZahira neighborhood, located outside of the camp.

Sometime earlier, Palestinian children taking shelter in Yarmouk Camp have appealed to UNRWA and the General Authority for Palestinian Refugees to work on reconstructing their destroyed schools so as to enable them to pursue their studies.

Parents also called for opening up the local school, recruiting qualified teaching staff, and securing transportation means back to and from the camp.

Available data by UNRWA indicates that 32 UNRWA facilities have been reduced to rubble in Yarmouk Camp, including 16 schools.

Several UNRWA facilities were destroyed in the Syrian warfare and others have gone out of operation, including two clinics, a vocational training center, a youth development center, and 28 schools, out of 112 UNRWA schools in Syria.

Meanwhile, five members of Liwaa AlQuds Brigade, affiliated with the Syrian government, have been left injured in Syria's Tadmur desert after a mine left by ISIS militias in the area went off.

Nearly 7,000 gunmen are enlisted at Liwaa AlQuds brigade, among them 800 Palestinian refugees taking shelter in refugee camps across the Syrian territories.

AGPS kept record of the death of 90 Palestinian refugees as they fought alongside Liwaa AlQuds forces since 2013.



In another development, The Palestinian-Syrian Authority for Relief and Development distributed meat to displaced Palestinian and Syrian families in northern Syria.

According to the organization's distribution officers, 12,000 families in Idlib's and Aleppo's northern outskirts will receive a meat portion (around 2 kgs) each.

Hundreds of displaced Palestinian families have been scattered across northern Syria, where they have been taking refuge in poorly-equipped camps, after they got displaced from their homes and shelters in the warfare.

Dozens of families displaced from Yarmouk Camp and southern Damascus have been struggling for survival in impoverished refugee camps set up north of Syria, amid a striking apathy by the Palestinian Authority, Palestinian factions, and UNRWA, among other concerned bodies.



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