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The situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



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Latest Development

A Palestinian refugee family said their son Mahmoud Ali Tayeh who had gone missing off the Tunisian coast has just been pronounced dead.

Mahmoud's death was confirmed on Friday, just a couple of days after his brother Husain was also pronounced dead.

The family's friends in Tunisia headed for Sfax governorate where the victims' bodies were identified.

A few days earlier, the family of Palestinian brothers Husain Ali Tayeh, born in 1999, and Mahmoud Ali Tayeh, born in 2001, appealed to international human rights organizations to work on identifying their sons' condition.

Both Husain and Mahmoud, raised in AlNeirab Camp for Palestinian refugees, in Aleppo, had disappeared after the Europe-bound migrant boat sank off the southern Tunisian island of Kerkennah on May 25.

A rubber boat sailed from the coast of the city of Zuwara in northwestern Libya carrying 100 migrants and asylum seekers before it sank last Monday off the coast of the state of Sfax, southeast of Tunisia.

According to the International Organization for Migration, 24 people were rescued, and 76 others are still missing.

Six Palestinian refugees from Syria have been detained along with other asylum seekers by Libyan authorities since May 25.



The asylum seekers were transferred to custody in the city of Zuwara in northwestern Libya. They were trying to reach Italy when they were arrested.

AGPS has been able to identify the six Palestinian refugees: Mohamed Afifa, Ali Nabulsi, Omar Kadurah, Osama Khatib, Mohamed Mustafa Mi'ari (born in 1992), and Jamil Mohamed.

Their families have urged the Palestinian Authority, the International Red Cross, and the other international human rights organizations to pressurize the Libyan authorities to immediately release their relatives.

Along similar lines, Palestinian cartoonist Ahmed Kaddoura drew a painting expressing his solidarity with the victims of the boat that sank off the Tunisian coast a few days ago.

Kaddoura said the painting translates the tragedy of Palestinians who died at sea as they attempted to flee war and economic hardship. He himself witnessed the horrors of illegal migration from Turkey to Italy.

“The heavens will always open its doors to Palestinian refugees who feel out of place in this world”, he said.

Meanwhile, a vigil was held by the Follow-Up Committee of Palestinians of Syria in Gaza outside of UNRWA headquarters in the besieged enclave to speak out against delays in aid delivery.

The Committee met with Asem Abu Shaweesh, who is in charge of UNRWA's file of Palestinians of Syria and called on the Agency to



urgently and regularly transfer shelter and rent grants to the refugees.

It further urged the Agency to ensure cash grants are handed over to the registered families and to include newly-married couples and newborns on the aid list.

Abu Sahwish vowed to do his best to arrange a meeting with UNRWA chief in Gaza Thomas White and work out the situation of Palestinians of Syria at the earliest possible time.

Some 150 Palestinian refugee families from Syria who returned to the blockaded Gaza Strip have been facing an abject humanitarian situation in the Israeli-blockaded enclave.

Palestinians living in the Gaza Strip have been enduring dire living conditions due to the 14-year-long Israeli siege and the devastating upshots of the Israeli onslaughts on the coastal enclave.

According to data by the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), Gaza is one of the world's most densely populated areas, with more than 5,000 inhabitants per square kilometer. The Gaza Strip is smaller than the city of Oslo but is home to three times as many people.

Gaza is described by many Palestinians and humanitarian actors as the world's largest open-air prison, where nearly 2 million Palestinians live behind a blockade and are refused access to the other occupied Palestinian areas and the rest of the world.

NRC said 7 out of 10 Palestinians in Gaza are registered as refugees, and many of these come from families who were forced to



leave their villages in 1948. Many have also been forced to leave their homes due to war, violence, and economic hardship.

In the meantime, hundreds of displaced Palestinian families north of Syria continue to launch cries for help over their tragic living conditions in the poorly-equipped Deir Ballout Camp, north of Syria, saying an acute water crisis has made the situation far worse.

The refugees lashed out at the concerned authorities over their apathy regarding the acute dearth in drinking water, saying local tanks are being filled just once a week, forcing civilians to line up in long queues for hours and under scorching heat to get a few liters.

The families have also been forced to purchase water from private tanks at 1,000 Syrian Pounds per 20 liters. Every family needs an average of 30 liters a day.

The families urged UNRWA, PLO, and the concerned humanitarian organizations to live up to their responsibilities and to provide them with much-needed cash aid, medical items, and relief services.