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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



### Torrential Rain in Istanbul Claims Life of Palestinian Refugee

- Liwaa AlQuds Commander Survives Assassination Attempt
- UNRWA's Syria Chief Shows Up in AlNeirab Camp for Palestinian Refugees
- Palestinian Refugees from Syria in Egypt Lash Out at UN Refugee Agency

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## Latest developments

Palestinian refugee Ahmad Mohamed Shaabaa, born on October 7, 1981, was pronounced dead as a result of the rainstorm that hit Istanbul city on Tuesday, June 23.

Ahmad, who fled Yarmouk Camp to Turkey, drowned in the rain deluges that swamped his home in Esenyurt, west of Istanbul.

Activists said the refugee suffered serious health disorders, including hepatitis and foot tumor. He failed to pay treatment charges due to his frail legal status. His frequent appeals for urgent humanitarian assistance have gone unheeded.

Recently, Palestinian refugees from Syria in Turkey have expressed concerns over their deteriorating condition particularly in light of the new movement clampdown imposed across Turkish provinces as part of anti-coronavirus measures.

A large number of companies, factories, and shops shut their doors for fear of further COVID-19 contaminations. Several Palestinian families have lost their sole sources of income as a result.

In another development, Director of UNRWA operations in Syria Amanyah Michael-Ebye paid a visit on Tuesday to AlNeirab refugee camp, in Aleppo, in order to inspect UNRWA facilities.

Amanyah met with UNRWA staff and Palestinian refugees at a UNRWA-run clinic and the Akka School, where he honored 9<sup>th</sup> grade students who achieved outstanding results during the 2019/2020 academic year.



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AlNeirab camp is the largest official camp in Syria and is 13km east of the city of Aleppo near the Aleppo airport.

Before the start of the conflict in Syria, Neirab camp was home to more than 20,000 Palestine refugees. Like other Palestine refugee camps in Syria, a large number of families, young people, have travelled abroad. The camp has also seen a large influx of more than 900 families from the nearby Ein el Tal camp, which has been mostly destroyed.

With nearly 18,000 registered refugees, Neirab camp is among the most densely populated camps. The camp suffers from overcrowding and a lack of privacy. Like other areas in Syria, displacement, unemployment, inflation, protection and security risks are among the main concerns shared by Palestine refugees and Syrians alike.

The location of the camp near the military airport means the area was exposed to hazards including mortars and shelling between the start of 2013 and the end of 2018.

Poor shelters and poor construction of the barracks result in scorching temperatures in summer and freezing conditions in winter. Water leakage and rodent infestation also remain a problem for the refugees.

In the meantime, a convoy led by the military commander of Liwaa AlQuds armed group, affiliated with the Syrian regime, was targeted by an explosive device during a tour held in the northern Syrian province of Idlib.



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Commander Mohamed AlSa'id survived the assassination attempt. A car driving in the forefront went off, leaving a so-called Ibrahim AlTurk, from AlNeirab camp for Palestinian refugees, dead. Four other people were injured.

Over recent weeks, over 15 members of Liwaa AlQuds have been pronounced dead in bloody shootouts with ISIS militias in the Syrian desert, in Hama's eastern corners, and in AlReqa's western suburbs.

Along similar lines, representatives of the Palestinian refugee community from Syria in Egypt met with the Director of UNRWA operations in Cairo Sahar AlJabouri.

A member of the Palestinian refugee delegation said they managed to meet AlJabouri following a five-month reluctance by the Agency's staff.

"I am only available for half an hour to take note of your demands", Jabouri reportedly told two members of the delegation at her office.

"She only accepted to discuss with us a couple of demands out of 15 demands figuring on our memorandum", a member of the Palestinian refugee delegation said.

Palestinian refugees who fled war-torn Syria to Egypt continue to call on UNRWA to take up its responsibilities and hand them over relief and cash aids, amid the economic hardship inflicted by COVID-19 outbreak in the Sissi-led country.



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The refugees have slammed UNRWA for dragging its feet over their calls for help on account that Egypt falls outside of its five fields of operation (Gaza, the West Bank, Jordan, Lebanon, and Syria).

Palestinian refugees who fled war-torn Syria have been subjected to a fragile legal status in Egypt, where they are treated as foreigners rather than asylum-seekers fleeing war-stricken zones. Palestinians from Syria have also been denied the right to legal visas, refugee documents, safe accommodation, basic services, relief assistance, free movement, and access to education and labor, among other basic necessities.

AGPS continues to stress the need to secure the rights of the Palestinians from Syria in Egypt as per the Refugee Convention of 1951, and to hand them over cash and in-kind aid, along with refugee cards, in order to enhance their legal status in the Egyptian territories.