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"Palestinian Family from Syria Appeals to British Authorities to Backtrack on Deportation of Their Son"



- Syrian Gov't Forces Strike Daraa Camp, AlSadd Road with Ground-to-Ground Missiles
- Overnight Onslaughts Rock AlMuzeireeb Refugee Community
- Commission 302 Urges UNRWA to Assume Its Duties Regarding Handarat Returnees

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Latest Developments

The family of the Palestinian refugee from Syria Youssef Jihad Hassan, aged 23, appealed to the British authorities to backtrack on a decision to deport their son to Italy.

According to the Independent newspaper, Youssef's father, Jihad, said if the Interior Ministry withholds his son he will throw himself "in front of the same car that will carry his son."



Youssef left Damascus when he was 15-years-old, fleeing forced military conscription. He was separated from his brothers in the raging warfare. He reached Britain onboard a truck from Calais in 2014. He then reunited with his family in Middlesbrough, where all the family members, except for Youssef, have been granted refugee status. The Interior Ministry ruled that he be banned to Italy, following two years of ceaseless appeals.

Youssef's friends launched a petition urging the British authorities to cancel the deportation decision. The petition has been signed by over 1,500 persons so far.

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In another development, overnight offensives hit AlMuzeireeb community for Palestinian refugees, south of Syria, resulting in wildfires.

AlMuzeireeb's adjacent towns had also come under heavy shelling, resulting in heavy material damage.

Civilians sheltered in the area appealed to all international and humanitarian institutions to work on halting the unabated shelling on the area and entering much-needed medical kit.

At the same time, the Syrian government forces struck Daraa Camp for Palestinian refugees, south of Syria, with ground-to-ground missiles, one day after they targeted it with barrel bombs. Heavy material damage was inflicted by the strikes.

The regime forces also attacked Daraa's AlSadd Road, housing Palestinian families, with homemade ground-to-ground missiles.

Over recent weeks, the Syrian government forces stepped up offensives on Daraa in an attempt to hold sway over the area.

In the meantime, Commission 302 to Defend Refugee Rights called on UNRWA to urgently step in and work on providing the Palestinian refugees who returned to Handarat Camp, northeast of Aleppo, prior to Eid Alfitr, with humanitarian assistance.

The commission said in a statement that Handarat residents, estimated at 6,000 persons in 2011, had been denied access to their homes for over four years. Most of the residents who were forced out of their homes had sought shelter in Aleppo and AlNeirab Camp.

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The commission cited a UNRWA statement issued in April 2013, in which the agency expressed concern over the deportation of 6,000 Palestinians on April 26, 2013 from Handarat.

The statement held UNRWA responsible for the safety of Handarat refugees, though the camp does not fall within the agency's field of operations.



Palestinians of Syria: June 28, 2017 Statistics:

- At least 3,521 Palestinians, including 463 women, were killed in war-torn Syria.
- 1,612 Palestinian refugees, including 100 women, are incarcerated in Syrian government lock-ups.
- Yarmouk refugee camp has been blockaded by the Syrian regime army and Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine General Command (PFLP-GC) for 1,435 days in a row.
- 196 Palestinians died of undernourishment and medical neglect in the blockaded Yarmouk Camp.

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- Water supplies cut off in Deraa and Yarmouk camps respectively for 1,171 and 1,022 days.
- Residents of Handarat Camp, in Aleppo, denied access to their homes for 1,515 days. Government battalions have been holding sway over the camp for more than 249 days.
- Nearly 85,000 Palestinian Syrian refugees fled to Europe until the end of 2016.
- 31,000 Palestinians from Syria are housed in Lebanon.
- 17,000 Palestinians from Syria are taking refuge in Jordan.
- 6,000 Palestinian-Syrian refugees are sheltered in Egypt.
- 8,000 Palestinian-Syrian refugees are taking shelter in Turkey.
- 1,000 Palestinian-Syrian refugees are sheltered in the blockaded Gaza Strip.