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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"9,000 Palestinian Refugees Contracted Coronavirus in Syria"

- Palestinian Refugee from Syria Missing in Greece
- Residents of AlHusaniya Camp for Palestinian Refugees Concerned over 2nd Coronavirus Wave
- Documentation Center North of Syria Calls on Palestinians in Aleppo's Outskirts to Sign Up for Protection Documents
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Latest Developments

Director of UNRWA Affairs in Syria, Amany Michael-Ebye, said nearly 9,000 Palestinian refugees have tested positive for coronavirus in Syria.

During a webinar held by Association 302 for Defense of Refugee Rights on December 15, 2020, Amany said UNRWA has embarked on an emergency plan to help Palestinian refugees combat the coronavirus pandemic.

In early 2020, UNRWA said in its 2020 funding appeal that a sum totaling US\$ 270 million is needed to carry out its program for the Syria Regional Crisis, in view of the current deteriorating economic and financial situation in the country.

The Agency said that Palestine refugees in Syria rely on UNRWA to provide aid which often is literally life-saving. The financial crisis that is affecting everyone in the country this year makes their reliance on the Agency greater. Supporting UNRWA is, therefore, fundamental to sustaining a dignified existence for the Palestine refugee community.

Amany said: “The conflict in Syria has affected everyone, but the case of Palestine refugees is particularly compelling, with 40% of them remaining in prolonged displacement. We often hear that the only normality for Palestine refugees inside Syria, and those displaced to Jordan and Lebanon since the conflict erupted, is their access to UNRWA services, such as schools, health care and other forms of assistance.”



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In another development, Palestinian refugee Moen Shaaban has gone missing in Greece for the sixth consecutive day.

His family continues to appeal to the national and international humanitarian and human rights organizations to work on disclosing his condition and whereabouts, saying they last contacted him on December 13.

332 Palestinian refugees from Syria, including 37 women and girls, have gone missing since the outbreak of the Syrian warfare, AGPS has found out.

Most of those who have disappeared in the country are residents of Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian refugees, south of Damascus.

Meanwhile, a state of panic has overwhelmed Palestinian refugees taking shelter in AlHusainiya Camp, in Rif Dimashq, as a second wave of coronavirus has gripped Syria and the MENA region.

Recently, an increasing number of COVID-19 cases has been recorded among teaching staff and students at UNRWA schools in the camp.

Over recent months, AGPS has warned of a projected outbreak of COVID-19 in Palestinian refugee camps in Syria. Though campaigns to help spread awareness among the camps' residents have seen the day, limited access to running water, pharmacies and medical facilities means displacement camps are more susceptible to the spread of the highly infectious virus.



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Displacement camps set up in northern Syria are especially vulnerable as most hospitals and medical facilities have been bombed, rendering them out of order.

In the meantime, the Documentation Center of Palestinian Refugees in Northern Syria called on Palestinian families coming from Idlib to Aleppo's northern suburbs to show up at the center in order to register their personal information and obtain the necessary protection documents.

The Documentation Center of Palestinian Refugees North of Syria was established in order to keep record of and provide personal data about Palestinian refugees sheltered in northern Syria. The group cooperates with the concerned authorities to that end.

The center saw the day in response to the absence of authentic civil records and official bodies documenting the personal data (including marriage contracts, birth date, death date, number of children and newborns etc...) of the Palestinian refugees who have been taking shelter in northern Syria.

Along similar lines, Palestinian student at Damascus Law Faculty Yazan Areisheh, born in 1989 and raised in Syria's Yarmouk Camp, has been secretly held in Syrian state-run prisons for nearly six years.

He was arrested by Syrian security forces in 2014. His condition and whereabouts could not be identified.



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Yazen's family continues to appeal to the Palestine Liberation Organization to pressurize the Syrian authorities to release their relative and reveal his real condition and whereabouts.

AGPS has been deeply concerned about the upsurge in the number of Palestinian victims of torture and enforced disappearance in Syria.

Over 1,790 Palestinian refugees have been secretly held in Syrian government dungeons since the outburst of deadly hostilities.

AGPS also documented the death of over 600 Palestinian refugees under torture in Syrian government lock-ups, including women, children, and elderly civilians.

Affidavits by ex-detainees provided evidence on the involvement of Syrian government officers in harsh torture tactics, including electric shocks, heavy beating using whips and iron sticks, and sexual abuse against Palestinian detainees, in a flagrant violation of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, commonly known as the United Nations Convention against Torture (UNCAT).

In the meantime, the Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency of Turkey (AFAD) handed over firewood to 100 displaced Palestinian and Syrian families sheltered in AlMuhammadiya and Deir Ballout camps, in Efrin, north of Syria.

Hundreds of Palestinian and Syrian families who have been forcibly deported to northern Syria have been grappling with an



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abject humanitarian situation as most of them have been taking cover in underequipped tents and denied access to vital facilities and services.