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"Palestinians of Syria Successfully Sue German Gov't over Subsidiary Protection Status"



- Residents of Hama-based Al-Aydeen Camp sound distress signals over gas shortage
- Palestine Charity Commission continues to provide displaced civilians in southern Damascus with relief assistance

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Latest Developments

Palestinian Syria refugees in Germany have sued the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees for not giving them full refugee status and most have won.

Those who have appealed against the Federal Office were given an under-privileged form of asylum called as “subsidiary protection.”

The Palestinian refugees won the case after they were brought before a German court, which granted them a three-year visa and restored their right to family reunification.



The German national daily Die Welt said on December 15, 2016 that the number of appeals was estimated at 36,000, mostly filed by Palestinians from Syria who have been granted subsidiary asylum status. 89% of the appeals were backed by the panel of German adjudicators.

Out of a total of 4,718 appeals filed by refugees from different destinations, 4,167 cases won, amounting to 88% of the overall number of suits.



Holders of subsidiary protection are granted a one-year stay rather than three and are not entitled to the right to family reunification.

Activists in Germany recommend that holders of subsidiary protections status hire a lawyer specialized in asylum affairs so as to appeal the decision which bans family reunification for a couple of years and outlaws relocation. Refugees can also appeal to such NGOs as Diakonie and Caritas for more structured litigations.

Palestinians from Syria in Germany are categorized as stateless refugees according to the German law.

The Geneva Convention stipulates that Germany grant nationality to those categorized as stateless refugees, in accordance with the German Nationality Law of 2000.

In another development, residents of the Hama-based Al-Aydeen Camp have sounded distress signals over the acute dearth in gas supplies.

Civilians said they have been purchasing gas cylinders at 5,000 Syrian Liras (\$10) from shadow traders due to the crisis rocking government-led areas for the third consecutive week





Subzero temperatures and snowfall have made the situation far worse.

“We wake up at the crack of dawn and line up for long hours while our limbs are frozen by snowstorms and torrential downpours, desperately hoping to get a gas cylinder to keep our children warm. However our wishes often go up in the air,” said one refugee.

Meanwhile, those sheltered in areas far from gas distribution centers in Al-Fawqani Camp said they have rarely been updated on the time of the distribution, calling on local traders to try to reach out to far-away shelters and post ads to that very end.

Hama-based Al-Aydeen camp has been characterized by a state of relative calm. Yet, the shelter has not been safe from the abduction sweeps and break-ins launched by the Syrian government forces now and then.

Civil Action Committees

The Charity Commission for the Relief of the Palestinian People provided 250 civilians displaced from Yarmouk Camp with medical check-ups and medicines on the fifth day of its Fourth Medical Week mission.

The treated refugees are currently sheltered in Yalda, Babila, and Beit Sahem towns.

On December 22, the Charity Commission for the Relief of the Palestinian People, in partnership with the Palestinian Red Crescent,



embarked on a so-called Fourth Medical Week Campaign for the displaced people of Yarmouk.

Medicines and children's milk have also been distributed to the displaced refugees as part of the commission's intent to assuage the crisis.



Palestinians of Syria: December 29, 2016 Statistics:

- *At least 3,415 Palestinians, including 455 women, were killed in war-torn Syria.*
- *1,137 Palestinian refugees, including 80 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 1,289 days in a row.*
- *190 Palestinians died of undernourishment and medical neglect in the blockaded Yarmouk Camp.*
- *Water supplies cut off in Deraa and Yarmouk camps respectively for 993 and 808 days.*



- *Residents of Handarat Camp, in Aleppo, denied access to their homes for 1,335 days. Government battalions have been holding sway over the camp for more than 71 days.*
- *Government troops ban residents of Al-Sbiena Camp from returning to their homes for 1,142 days running.*
- *Over 79,000 Palestinian Syrian refugees fled to Europe until mid 2016.*
- *31,000 Palestinians are housed in Lebanon.*
- *17 Palestinians 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.*