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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"Palestinian Refugee Husam Hamid Appeals for Information over Fate of His Missing Child"

- Displaced Palestinian Refugees from Khan Eshieh Camp Rail against Trash Piles
- Palestinian Refugees among 470 Illegal Migrants Detained in Edirne
- Palestinian Child Festival Held in Damascus



Latest Developments

Palestinian refugee Husam Hamid continues to call on the international human rights institutions to help him identify the condition and whereabouts of his child Hamza, who has been missing for three years after a Greece-bound migrant boat from Turkey capsized off the Aegean seashore on September 20, 2015.

Hamid's family were forced out of Yarmouk Camp as a result of the deadly shelling rocking the area and sought shelter in Turkey, before they headed for Greece onboard an illegal migrant boat.





The father said at around 04:00 a.m., the vessel was crashed by a touristic ship. Taken aback by the accident, the father lost his child whom he was holding in his arms. 52 migrants who were onboard tossed themselves into the sea.

The father reportedly fell into a faint and was picked up by Greek coast guards. As soon as he recovered his consciousness, he was told by the coast guards and the Red Cross that his child has disappeared.



The child's mother Na'ima was shocked as soon as she received the news. Yet, she did not lose hope as a relative told her that her child was spotted in a TV report.

Husam reached Germany after years of dislocation. His journey on the lookout for his missing child has not ended yet.

AGPS documented the death of 51 Palestinian refugees onboard Europe-bound migration boats. Scores of refugees have gone missing.

In another development, residents of Khan Eshieh Camp, west of Rif Dimashq, have appealed to the concerned authorities to clear the mounds of trash piled up near AlAwaj Valley.

Civilians expressed concerns over a river flood owing to the accumulated trash and projected downpours.



Residents of the nearby AlKhawalda neighborhood said their homes will be severely damaged if a river flood rocks the area and trash is not removed from residential alleyways overseeing the river.

Civilians have also warned of the propagation of rodents, insects, and stints and its repercussions on their children's health and the environment.



Meanwhile, Turkish gendarmerie rounded up 470 irregular migrants, among them Palestinian refugees, who were attempting to cross the border illegally in the northwestern province of Edirne.

Migrants from Morocco, Libya, Palestine, Bangladesh, Tunisia, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Algeria and Iraq were caught by gendarmerie units in the village of Bosnakoy and the districts of Ipsala and Meric. The migrants were dispatched to Edirne's Migration Office.

Turkey has been a main route for irregular migrants trying to cross to Europe, especially since 2011, when the Syrian warfare saw the day.

Civil Action

A festival was held for Paleestinian refugees in Rukn AlDeen neighborhood, in Damascus.

Leisure and educational activities along with handicraft workshops were held at the event. A cartoon and chants were put on display. Gifts were handed over to children.

Some 80 boys and girls along with a number of families joined the festival.

