



"Palestinian of Syria in Carthage airport under deportation"



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Yesterday, 19 May 2014, thirty Palestinians of Syria refugees appealed the Tunisian authorities not to deport them to Lebanon, because of the serious risk threatening their lives.

On a phone call with the Action Group, one of the refugees said that "the Tunisian authorities had given them until tomorrow morning - Tuesday - to return to Lebanon, considering that their transit has exceeded the allowed period.

The thirty Palestinian refugees have arrived Tunisia on Thursday and Friday 15th and 16th of May on a plane took off from "Rafic Hariri "Airport towards Libya in accordance with proper and legal procedures. Nevertheless, the events in Benghazi forced the plane to stay in Carthage Tunisian Airport, where the passengers have been detained in the airport, waiting for reopening and resumption of the flight.



According to a refugee statement, inside the airport, "on Sunday 18th of May Tunisian airport authorities asked us to leave to Lebanon - without problems - but we refused for fear of the risk we will face at Beirut - Lebanon airport In terms of the possibility of entering the refugees or deporting us back to Syria. "

Lebanese authorities had deported 49 Palestinian and Syrian refugees on 4th of May 2014 under the pretext of holding fake travel papers , and barred the entry of the Palestinian refugees to Lebanon unless certain tight conditions and exceptions.

The thirty refugees, including three women and an elderly woman at the age of nearly eighty years in addition to a three children, called the Tunisian authorities to allow them to stay inside Tunisian territory until they will be able to access to Libya or granted asylum in Tunisia.

The Action Group for Palestinians of Syria concerns about this step, which is preparing to be applied to the detained Palestinian refugees at the airport. The Group has documented earlier Tunisian authority's deportation of 12 Palestinian and Syrian refugees on 1st of May 2014, after detention in transit for about four days. The Action Group calls the Tunisian government to deal with this issue on a degree of responsibility and granting to refugees the stipulated rights in international treaties and conventions, which constitute the last chance to survive.