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"Activists Launch E-Campaign in Solidarity with Displaced Palestinians in Thailand"

- **Displaced Palestinians in Deir Ballout Camp Urge Palestine Ambassador in Turkey to Step in**
- **14 PLA Fighters Missing since 2011**
- **Palestinians from Syria Take Part in Youth Camp in Italy**

Latest Developments

Palestinian activists have embarked on an e-campaign on Avaaz foundation website in an attempt to speak up for dozens of Palestinian and Syrian refugees stranded in Thailand, where dozens have been detained by the Thai authorities for overstaying their visas.

The activists appealed to the UN, the UNHCR, the Palestinian Authority, the international human rights organizations, and the Thai authorities to make urgent steps so as to work out the refugees' legal status and ensure they are treated in accordance with international humanitarian laws.

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Over 600 Palestinian refugees, including 50 from Syria, have sought shelter in Thailand, where they have been treated as lawbreakers rather than as asylum-seekers fleeing war-torn zones.

Along the same line, Palestinian refugees forcibly deported to northern Syria continue to rally for the 28th consecutive day, protesting their tragic situation in the poorly-equipped Deir Ballout refugee camp.

The refugees called on the Palestine ambassador in Turkey Dr. Fayed Mustafa to pay a visit to the camp and keep tabs on the calamitous humanitarian condition endured by the displaced families and their children in the ramshackle tents.

The protesters further urged the Palestine Liberation Organization to take immediate action over the crisis.

At least 325 Palestinian families have sought refuge in Deir Ballout Camp, among 900 families displaced from southern Damascus.

Meanwhile, AGPS kept record of the mysterious disappearance of 14 members of the Palestine Liberation Army (PLA) since the outbreak of the Syrian warfare in 2011.

Several PLA affiliates have been kidnapped by the different warring parties. One such case occurred at a government-run checkpoint in Hama, where a so-called Mohamed Ahmad Mahmoud Shatara was kidnapped by Syria's pro-government squads.

Others were arrested inside military barracks, including Fadi AlKhatib and Mohamed AlZein, who were kidnapped from a PLA drill center in Mesyaf, in Hama.

A number of PLA gunmen had also been held captive by the opposition outfits. The list includes Ahmad Ziyad AlKhatib, Mufeed Majed Kadoura, Ahmad Sabri Shaaban, Mahmoud Adnan Kabila, Abdulatif Mahmoud Sai'd, and Mohamed Mahmoud Mousa. The latter were abducted by Jaysh AlIslam in Duma, in Eastern AlGhouta, before they were released as part of a prisoner swap deal

struck with the Syrian government forces in Duma in order to liberate all the captives.

274 PLA fighters have been pronounced dead since the outbreak of the deadly shootouts in Syria, according to AGPS data.

In the meantime, Palestinian youths from Syria joined the 2nd Palestinian Youth Camp held in Italy from October 26 to October 28.

The camp, staged by the Palestinian Youth Assembly in Europe, in partnership with the UK-based Olive Foundation for Palestinian Youth, aims at boosting activism networking in favor of the Palestinian cause.

Workshops, cultural seminars, competitions, and presentations on Palestinian embroidery were held at the event.

The event tackled the situation of Palestinian refugees in war-torn Syria. A set of project bids was also put forth in an attempt to prop up the role of the Palestinian youth both in the political and socio-economic arenas.