

# Internally Displaced Syrian Refugees Tormented by US Forces

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*Tens of thousands of Syrian refugees are trapped in northern and southern camps controlled by the US and its jihadist foot soldiers.*

On October 1, Russian and Syrian Joint Coordination Committees on the Repatriation of Syrian Refugees said US forces, illegally occupying southern Syria, “disrupted” operations to permit Rukban camp refugees from leaving their virtual captivity, adding:

“(T)he Americans fail(ed) to honor their commitments.”

“According to civilians who were able to escape Rukban, the so-called administration, which, in actual fact, consists of members of US-controlled armed gangs, has taken energetic efforts to prevent refugees from leaving the camp and prohibit Rukban’s residents to leave it under the threat of death.”

The Trump regime bears full responsibility for what’s going on, terrorizing refugees held captive, along with the entire country by endless aggression.

Russian and Syrian authorities noted that they managed to rescue around 18,000 refugees from “death camp” confinement.

In vain, they called on the UN to intervene on behalf of all brutalized Syrian refugees in confinement against their will, enabling them to return home — what the US and its imperial partners are preventing.

US forces illegally control about 30% of Syrian territory, Pentagon bases in northern and southern areas used as platforms for aggression, training ISIS and other jihadists, then deploying them to where they want them used to further US imperial interests.

Conditions in northern and southern camps controlled by the US are dire. Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova earlier explained what’s going on as follows:

“ISIS (and) al-Nusra (terrorists) in possession of heavy arms (supplied by the US and its imperial partners) are hiding among the civilians (in the camps, holding them hostage) as human shields,” adding:

“We have actual information that confirms that this happening (in cahoots with) the US military.” CIA operatives are very much involved in what’s going on.

In mid-September, head of Russia's reconciliation center in Syria General Alexey Bakin said the following:

“Illegal armed groups (US supported terrorists) in the Idlib de-escalation zone blocked the work of the Abu al-Duhur humanitarian corridor, preventing refugees from exiting through the Syrian government-owned checkpoint.”

At the time, Syrian media reported that US-supported al-Nusra jihadists control most of Idlib, holding its population hostage as human shields.

Rukban camp in southern Syria and al-Hawl camp in Idlib are virtual US-controlled hellhole concentration camps.

Captives lack food, access to medical treatment, and other essentials to life and welfare. Humanitarian workers are denied access to the camp, the same true for al-Hawl with around 70,000 refugees, and other Syrian territory illegally controlled by US forces.

Russian National Defense Management Center **General Mikhail Mizintsev** earlier explained the following, saying:

“All fundamental norms of international law are violated in (camps) controlled by the US. The situation at...Rukban and al-Hawl (is) critical.”

“By artificially creating inhuman conditions at the refugee camps on the illegally occupied territories in Syria, the US is creating a basis for the return of terror organizations with the goal of maintaining instability in the country and the region.”

Russian **General Viktor Kupchishin** in Syria added the following:

Conditions in refugee camps controlled by the US are responsible for “10 (to) 20 people dy(ing) each day” because of lack of food, medical care, and overall inhumane conditions.

Reportedly around 90% of al-Hawl refugees are women and children, terrorized by US-supported jihadists in the camp.

Tens of thousands of refugees in the Rukban camp are mistreated the same way, again mostly women and children.

What's happening is how illegal US occupation operates, terrorizing civilians in all its war theaters — high crimes against humanity gone unpunished.

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