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Palestinians were also enthusiastic about giving university education on children. As refugees living in other countries it was necessary to have excellent knowledge and expertise. The Shatilas and Al-Yassins who were Palestine refugees from Turkam had been working in Kuwait as teacher or doctor, respectively. They were keen on education more than others. The second son of the Shatillas was sent to the United States for studying though their household spending was painful. The eldest son of the Shatillas who had been working at an oil company in Saudi Arabia handed over a part of his salary to his father to support his brother's tuition. The Shatilas expected that their young son got citizenship of the United States after graduating university. Furthermore, the family had hidden agenda that if something happened in the Middle East they would rely on him and migrate to the United States.

Father himself did not lose hope to return to Turkam. He had a dream to open a private school in his hometown and spend the rest of his life to teach Palestine children. When he retired a teacher in the late 1970s, he left Kuwait and returned to Jordan. Around the same time Al-Yassin also sent his daughter Rania to American University in Cairo and the family returned to Jordan. He had a doctor's license, so he decided to settle permanent residence in Jordan and changed their nationality from Palestine to Jordan.

When the "Black September" incident took place in 1970, the PLO, Palestine Liberation Organization, moved its headquarter to Beirut, Lebanon. Jordan restored a peaceful condition under King Hussein. The Palestinians who emigrated to the Gulf countries returned to Jordan with various expectations in mind. Once the Palestinians had moved eastward from the land of "Nakba" to Jordan and again settled in Gulf countries in eastward. This time they moved westward and back to Jordan. Most of them waited for the day when they could return to Palestine.

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