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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"2-month-old infant dies in Yarmouk camp due to the siege and poor medical care"

- ISIS whips a resident of Yarmouk refugee camp for the possession and smuggling of tobacco
- Three refugees from Khan Al-Sheih camp arrested, raising the number of detained Palestinians to 1662 detainees
- The Syrian regime continues to detain Palestinian "Adnan Talaat Al-Lolo" since 2013
- "New languages" a major obstacle facing the majority of Palestinian-Syrian refugees in Europe
- \$800 fees for the renewal of the Palestinian-Syrian travel document

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Victims

A 2-month-old infant from Yarmouk camp named “Ahmed Mazen Aly,” died on Monday February 12th, due to the siege and lack of medical care.

On its part, AGPS’s Monitoring and Documentation Team has confirmed that it has recorded the death of 205 Palestinian refugees, who have died of hunger or due to the lack of medical care resulting from the siege, most of which were from Yarmouk camp for Palestinian refugees in Damascus.



Latest Developments

ISIS whipped a resident of Yarmouk camp, for possessing tobacco and smuggling it from Yelda to inside Yarmouk camp. On its official website, ISIS published pictures showing its members while whipping the accused man in front of the public, according to their description, while he carried a poster saying “Entry of smoke to the land of the Islamic State in south Damascus.”



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In another context, the Action Group's correspondent in the Khan Al-Sheih camp for Palestinian refugees in the suburbs of Damascus, reported the news of the Syrian security's arrest of three men from the camp named: "Amer Al-Taher," "Mohammed Ersan" and "Khalil Zaher," a few days ago. They were taken to an unknown place and no information has been revealed about their whereabouts so far.

The Syrian regime forces had detained a number of the residents of Khan Al-Sheih, after groups of the opposition left in coordination with the regime. At the time, it raided the headquarters of the relief institutions in it.

AGPS's documented statistics indicate that 244 refugees from Khan Al-Sheih camp are still detained by the Syrian regime.

In the same context, the number of detained Palestinian-Syrian refugees in the security branches and Syrian intelligence is approximately 1662 detainees. The arrests have been documented for the past seven years.

According to AGPS's Monitoring and Documentation Team, at least 106 of the detainees are women, in addition to a number of families who have been detained altogether.

The Syrian regime continues to detain Palestinian "Adnan Talaat Al-Lolo," born in 1962 and resident of Yarmouk camp, for the fifth consecutive year. He was arrested by members of the Palestinian factions affiliated to the regime, from the Batekha checkpoint in the beginning of Yarmouk, on 2-2-2013. He was taken to an unknown



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place and no information about his fate or location have been relieved to this point.



In Europe, though, the presence of Palestinian refugees from Syria has been relatively recent in a number of European countries, most of them are facing significant problems in learning the local languages, such as German, Dutch, Danish, Swedish and Norwegian, since the refugees had not used these languages before. These problems are primarily concentrated among the elderly, as most of them have been cut off from education for more than four decades, which makes learning a new language very difficult for them.

The lack of knowledge of local languages for newcomers to European countries is one of the main obstacles in their way to get to work, complete their studies or start their own businesses, in addition to many problems they may face in dealing with official institutions in those countries.



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Most official bodies in Europe have employed a large number of Arabic translators, in an attempt to facilitate communication between them and refugees in particular, in the fields of health and migration.

In another context, thousands of Syrian Palestinian refugees have been forced to leave Syria are having great difficulties in renewing their Syrian travel documents, due to the high costs of renewals and the difficulty of the procedures.

The Palestinian-Syrians are being treated as Syrians regarding the procedures for the renewal or granting of travel documents. Renewing the travel documents costs about 300 American dollars with a waiting period, or 800 American dollars if it is to be renewed within three days. Usually the travel document is renewed for only two years.

While refugees find great difficulties in communicating with consulates and Syrian embassies because of overcrowding on the one hand and the spread of the "appointment brokers" phenomenon, through close associates of the embassy or consulate staff working on the sale of appointments for money sometimes amounting to \$300.

It is worth mentioning that the valid travel document is a prerequisite for the Palestinian-Syrian refugees to stay in most of the countries where they have taken refuge.





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Palestinians of Syria: February 13, 2018 Statistics:

- The total number of victims documented by the Action Group is 3651, including 465 women
- 1659 Palestinians are locked up behind Syrian government's bars, 106 of which are women
- Yarmouk refugee camp is under the Syrian regime army and Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine's siege for 1,671 days in a row
- 205 refugees, mainly in Yarmouk Camp, have died due to lack of medical care and malnutrition
- Water supplies have been cut off Deraa Camp for 1407 days, and 1246 days in Yarmouk Camp
- The Regime army has been in control of Handarat camp for more than 505 days. More than 80% of its buildings have been completely or partially destroyed.
- Approximately 85 thousand Palestinian-Syrian refugees fled to Europe by the end of 2016
- 31 thousand refugees are located in Lebanon
- 17 thousand refugees are sheltered in Jordan
- 6 thousand refugees are in Egypt
- 8 thousand refugees are staying in Turkey
- One thousand refugees are present in Gaza