

# التقرير اليومي الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية

Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria

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"AGPS: 397 Physical Violations, Including 319 Deaths and 78 Cases of Forced Disappearance, against Palestinians of Syria"

2016

- Civilians displaced from Yarmouk call for safe return to their homes
- 3 residents of Khan Al-Sheih Camp released by Syrian security forces

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#### Latest Developments

AGPS Report No. 1520 is the latest in a series of 345 daily reports issued by AGPS during 2016.

AGPS kept record of 4,532 physical violations against the Palestinians of Syria, 3,412 among whom were killed due to war-related incidents. 2016 alone witnessed the death of 319 Palestinians. 1,120 Palestinians were meanwhile subjected to abduction and forced disappearance. 78 such cases were recorded in 2016.

AGPS also took part in several international conferences and festivals in London, Geneva, Vienna, Istanbul, Beirut, and Malmo, where the group spoke up for the Palestinian refugees in war-ragged Syria.

2016

Mr. Ahmad Hussein, member of the Palestinian Return Center (PRC) and AGPS Executive Director, took part in the 32nd and 33rd sessions of the Human Rights Council in Geneva.

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AGPS exhibitions documenting the tragedy of the Palestinians of Syria also figured in the 14th Palestinians of Europe Conference in the Swedish city of Malmo and in the Annual Conference of the Palestinians of Austria. Similar events were also held in Sweden.

Dozens of reports have, meanwhile, been issued by AGPS as part of its documentary mission regarding the situation of the Palestinians of Syria. A semi-annual report released in partnership with PRC provided detailed statistics on the cause.

Since its inception, in 2012, AGPS team has left no stone unturned to document the situation of the Palestinians of Syria with a great deal of professionalism and transparency.

AGPS material has been purely fact-based and rooted in real data compiled by a team of professional journalists, on-the-spot reporters, news correspondents, veterans, and local activists.

Dedicated to bringing the news of the Palestinians of Syria and the human rights violations perpetrated against them to a wide audience without bias or a political agenda, AGPS staff members have taken it upon their shoulders to keep a moment-by-moment record of latest developments in Palestinian refugee camps in Syria and overseas.

Speaking the truth, propagating the truth, and documenting the truth have, therefore, been the key guiding lines for AGPS mission.

In seeking to fulfill this goal, AGPS team has done its best to uphold the finest standards of historiographic ethics and maintain honesty in sourcing.

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Meanwhile, civilians displaced from Yarmouk Camp appealed, in letters to AGPS, to the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) and the Palestinian factions, among other concerned bodies, to work on allowing them a safe access to their homes in Yarmouk.

Yarmouk residents have gone homeless for over four years. Several have been taking refuge in under-equipped shelters and makeshift tents. The swift hike in rental fees, amounting to 80,000 Syrian Liras, has made the situation far worse.

The displaced community of Yarmouk has also been grappling with an upsurge in food and fuel prices, along with high unemployment rates.

"Why on earth don't we gain a free access into our homes?" wondered a displaced Palestinian refugee. "It all hinges on the agreement of the PLO's political department."

Thousands of Palestinian refugees were forced out of Yarmouk Camp after the Syrian fighter jets struck the Abdul Qadir Al-Husseini Mosque on December 16, 2012. Dozens were killed and hundreds wounded in the onslaught.

The situation has gone downhill after ISIS militias grabbed hold of the camp in April 2015.

Meanwhile, three Palestinian refugees—Shadi Al-Hindi, Mohamed Abdullah Arsan, and Hamza Al-Muslih—from Khan Al-Sheih Camp, were released from the Syrian government lock-ups.

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Over 1,300 Palestinian refugees, including 122 residents of Khan Al-Sheih, have been incarcerated in Syrian regime jails. Their fate remains shrouded in mystery.

#### Palestinians of Syria: December 31, 2016 Statistics:

- At least 3,415 Palestinians, including 455 women, were killed in war-torn Syria.
- 1,137 Palestinian refugees, including 80 women, are incarcerated in Syrian government lock-ups.
- Yarmouk refugee camp has been blockaded by the Syrian regime army and Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine General Command (PFLP-GC) for 1,291 days in a row.
- 190 Palestinians died of undernourishment and medical neglect in the blockaded Yarmouk Camp.
- Water supplies cut off in Deraa and Yarmouk camps respectively for 995 and 810 days.
- Residents of Handarat Camp, in Aleppo, denied access to their homes for 1,337 days. Government battalions have been holding sway over the camp for more than 73 days.
- Government troops ban residents of Al-Sbiena Camp from returning to their homes for 1,144 days running.
- Over 79,000 Palestinian Syrian refugees fled to Europe until mid 2016.
- 31,000 Palestinians are housed in Lebanon.
- 17 Palestinians are taking refuge in Jordan.

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- 6,000 Palestinian-Syrian refugees are sheltered in Egypt.
- 8,000 Palestinian-Syrian refugees are taking shelter in Turkey.
- 1,000 Palestinian-Syrian refugees are sheltered in the blockaded Gaza Strip.