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"Health Situation Takes Turn for Worse in Deraa, Yarmouk Shelters due to Water Crisis"



- **Living Conditions in Khan Dannun Camp Exacerbated by Transportation Crisis,**
- **Alarms Sounded over Mysterious Fate of Palestinian Brothers Mohamed and Saleh Akawi in Gov't Lock-up**
- **Palestinians from Syria Seek Shelter in Brazil as Arab States Close Doors**

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Latest Developments

Residents of the Yarmouk and Deraa camps have launched cries for help over an acute water crisis, saying they have been forced to drink water spouting from contaminated artesian wells.

Speaking with AGPS, experts warned of the life-threatening diseases inflicted by the contaminated artesian wells due to the germ-infested deposits accumulated in the absence of water-disinfection endeavors.

The Syrian government has cut off water supplies to Yarmouk Camp for over 831 days running and to the Deraa Camp for over 1,025 consecutive days.



Meanwhile, a transportation crisis has been rocking the Khan Dannun Camp since the outburst of the Syrian warfare.

Reporting from Khan Dannun shelter, located some 23 kilometers away from southern Damascus, AGPS news correspondent said civilians' access out of and into the area has almost been blocked.



Workers and students have also had difficulties getting to their workplaces and universities.

Khan Dannun residents further spoke out against the steep and unfixed transportation fees, often devouring up to a quarter of their salaries.

Civilians are often forced to catch another means of transportation as bus drivers change the lines, stops, and fees according to their whims. Others have found no other way-out than to walk for thousands of meters in order to reach their workplaces. More often than not, Al-Kiswa town is the only terminus of government buses.



AGPS reporter quoted Khan Dannun residents as stating that their appeals for help have frequently gone unheeded by the Syrian authorities and Palestinian factions, many of whose representatives have showed up in local festivals and acclaimed civilians' iron will.

“Political leaders would better show up in the shelter so as to keep tabs on our daily suffering and work out the crisis before it is too late,” a resident said.



In another development, Palestinian brothers Mohamed and Saleh Akawi have gone missing for the fourth year running after they were kidnapped by the Syrian government forces in June 2013 at Al-Batikha checkpoint near the main entrance to Yarmouk shelter.

Meanwhile, several Palestinian families from Syria have been seeking refuge in Brazil, a country that has made it far easier and cheaper for refugees to enter.

Fleeing war-tattered Syria, Palestinian families from Syria have arrived in Brazil in the hunt for a safer sanctuary after all Arab States opted for a closed-door refugee policy.

Most of those who fled to Brazil have been housed in the southeastern metropolis of Sao Paulo.

Yet, Palestinians from Syria in Brazil have been bereaved of government aids and relief assistance. They are only granted a two-year provisional visa.

Palestinian families from Syria have also encountered difficulties in the integration process due to the socio-cultural and linguistic discrepancies.

Statistics as regards Palestinian refugees in Brazil lack the required precision despite the presence of the Palestinian Embassy and the General Union of Palestinian Institutions in Brazil.

According to the National Committee for Refugees in Brazil (CONARE), 1,794 refugees from Syria reached Brazil until the end of 2014, without specifying their nationalities.



Palestinians of Syria: January 31, 2017 Statistics:

- *At least 3,425 Palestinians, including 455 women, were killed in war-torn Syria.*
- *1,152 Palestinian refugees, including 82 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 1,322 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 1,025 and 832 days.*
- *Residents of Handarat Camp, in Aleppo, denied access to their homes for 1,369 days. Government battalions have been holding sway over the camp for more than 103 days.*
- *Government troops ban residents of Al-Sbiena Camp from returning to their homes for 1,174 days running.*
- *Over 79,000 Palestinian Syrian refugees fled to Europe until mid 2016.*
- *31,000 Palestinians from Syria are housed in Lebanon.*
- *17 Palestinians from Syria are taking refuge in Jordan.*
- *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.*