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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



**" Palestinian-Syrians in the Beqaa face the bitter cold winter by lighting their old clothing on fire "**

- Bombardment targets Deraa camp in south Damascus
- Fighting between the Palestinian factions affiliated to the regime and ISIS in Yarmouk camp
- Syrian regime releases Palestinian boy "Mohammed Hany Rabei"

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## Latest Developments:

The Palestinian families displaced from Syria to the Lebanese Beqaa are living a harsh life. The families are facing the extremely cold weather in between the barren mountains. Some of them are threatened to die from the cold at any moment, especially with the heavy rainfalls that make them subjected to flooding and the gathering of rain water in their tents. This comes amid the high costs of living, the lack of financial sources, the shortage of job opportunities and the increase in housing rents, thus aggravating their suffering.

Mahmoud, a refugee from the Sabinah camp in the suburbs of Damascus, was forced to light old clothes on fire for heating. He said that he spends the summer gathering the clothes from containers and charities to place them in the heater, “to secure heating for himself and his five children.” He added that he also uses old shoes and everything available, to burn for heating.



Farid, a refugee displaced from Yarmouk camp, found in the burning of baby towels a new way to save money, adding that the price of a baby towel is much cheaper than the price of mazut fuel



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which he cannot afford. Farid continues: “The burning has a disgusting smell, but we have gotten used to it.”

On his part, Samer from Deraa camp said: “The amount of firewood that is available and used for heating is very little,” noting that: “The families use anything that can be burnt, in order to provide heating.”

Bahaa, who was displaced from Yarmouk camp to the Beqaa, complains of the lack of relief and winter aids provided by the charitable associations and UNRWA, calling on the Palestinian factions and authority in Lebanon to take responsibility towards the Palestinian-Syrian refugees who have been displaced to Lebanon.

Hamd from the Sayeda Zeinab camp, criticized the resolvment of the popular committees which used to take care of the Palestinian-Syrian refugees’ affairs, accusing the Palestinian factions of abandoning the Palestinian-Syrian refugees and leaving that to face their tragic fate alone.

On the reality of the Palestinian-Syrians in the Beqaa, a relief activist says: “The conditions of the refugees are getting worse and their suffering is aggravating as winter approaches, especially with the low temperatures which go down to below zero.”

He indicated that the refugee families in the area are in desperate need of fuel, especially mazut which costs \$9 per 20 litres. The average family requires 10 litres of mazut per day, because of the extremely cold weather.

On their part, the Palestinian-Syrian families appealed through many messages received by the Action Group, for their tragedy to be





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highlighted, in order to transfer their suffering to the decision-makers, the concerned parties, especially UNRWA, as well as the PLO and the Palestinian factions in Lebanon and the relief charities and organizations.

The statistics show that the number of Palestinian families that have been displaced from Syria to the Lebanese Beqaa is 950 families, while UNRWA's data reveals that the number of Palestinian-Syrians in Lebanon has reached 31 thousand.

In south Syria, Deraa camp for Palestinian refugees was bombarded yesterday, with a number of mortar shells belonging to the Syrian regime forces in the city. Only material damage was caused.

According to activists, tension is hovering over the region amid fears of the regime's plans to take military action against the opposition factions, in an attempt to break the truce agreement in south Syria.

In the same context, intermittent clashes between the Palestinian factions affiliated to the regime and ISIS, took place on the outskirts of Yarmouk camp for Palestinian refugees in Damascus, yesterday afternoon.





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According to our correspondent in Yarmouk camp, the fighting broke out on the Martyrs' axis and Palestine Street, with no casualties reported.

In the meantime, the Syrian regime forces released the 16-year-old, Palestinian boy "Mohammed Hany Rabei Al-Sottary," resident of the Muzayrib town in south Syria, on 31-01-2018. He was arrested while passing through the Khirbet Ghazaleh checkpoint on Sunday 19-11-2017 and taken to an unknown place.

On its part, AGPS has documented the detention of 13 Palestinian refugees in the Syrian regime's prisons, from the Muzayrib gathering in Deraa. The regime continues to hide their fate to this date, in addition to more than 1650 other Palestinian refugees.

### **Palestinians of Syria: January 31, 2018 Statistics:**

- The total number of victims documented by the Action Group is 3642, including 463 women
- 1655 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 1,657 days in a row
- 204 refugees, mainly in Yarmouk Camp, have died due to lack of medical care and malnutrition
- Water supplies have been cut off Deraa Camp for 1393 days, and 1233 days in Yarmouk Camp



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- The Regime army has been in control of Handarat camp for more than 492 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