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"Palestinian Refugee Killed in Barrel Onslaught on AlMuzeireeb"



- Palestinian Refugee Mohamed Omar Held in Syrian Gov't Jail
- Acre School Director in Aleppo-Based AlNeirab Camp Released
- "Subsidiary Protection" Ruling by German Court Sparks Furor among Syria Refugee Community

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Latest Developments

Reporting from southern Damascus, AGPS correspondent said the Syrian government forces struck on Tuesday AlMuzeireeb town, in Deraa's western outskirts, with spates of barrel bombs.

The regime squads further targeted AlMuzeireeb's outer edges with mortar shells. 36-year-old Palestinian refugee Ziad Suleiman AlRamah, from AlSeiteriya Community, was pronounced dead in the offensive.



A few days earlier, an attack on AlMuzeireeb took away the life of Palestinian child Emad Jihad Dhiab. At the same time, deadly hostilities by the government forces and the opposition battalions, along with the abrupt abduction sweeps, have hit climactic levels in the area.

AlMuzeireeb is home to 1,700 Palestinian families, who have been enduring abject living conditions due to the tough blockade enforced on the area and the lack of financial resources.

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Meanwhile, Palestinian refugee Mohamed Omar, aged 51, has been locked up in Syrian government penitentiaries for over three years in a row.

The detainee was kidnapped by the regime troops on July 18, 2013, near the Hums-based AlAydeen Camp, on his way to visit his relatives in the area.



A couple of months later, Omar was transferred from a security branch in Hums to Damascus. He was last met by a freed detainee in May 2014.

AGPS kept account of the incarceration of 1,168 Palestinian refugees in Syrian government prisons, among whom 83 female detainees.

At the same time, Palestinian instructor Mohamed Walid Rafe', director of Acre Prep School in AlNeirab Camp, in Aleppo, was released from a government detention center, seven days after he was kidnapped from the school.

At least 94 Palestinian residents of AlNeirab Camp are still held behind government prison bars.

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In another development Palestinian and Syrian refugees in Germany expressed profound disappointment at a German court verdict ruling that Syrians fleeing the war in their home country do not have automatic right to refugee status, confirming an earlier decision by Germany's Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (BAMF).

The Higher Administrative Court in the western German city of Muenster issued the ruling on Tuesday, February 21.

According to the court, asylum seekers deported to Syria will not necessarily be persecuted as political foes solely on the grounds that they fled the country.

BAMF currently awards Syrian asylum seekers only temporary, so-called "subsidiary protection." The subsidiary protection protects the refugees from deportation but prevents them from reuniting with family members.

Holders of subsidiary protection are granted only a one-year stay rather than three and are not entitled to their rights as holders of a refugee status.

Several refugees contested the decision of Germany's Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (BAMF).

According to German daily Hamburger Abendblatt, in Muenster alone, 1,900 lawsuits had been brought by Syrians contesting the decisions by the BAMF by the end of January. In the German state of North Rhine-Westphalia, 12,300 such lawsuits had been filed.

The German national daily Die Welt also said on December 15, 2016 that the number of appeals was estimated at 36,000, mostly filed by

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Palestinians from Syria who had been granted subsidiary asylum status. 89% of the appeals were backed by the panel of German adjudicators.

Palestinians from Syria in Germany are categorized as stateless refugees, according to the German law. The Geneva Convention stipulates that Germany grant nationality to those categorized as stateless refugees, in accordance with the German Nationality Law of 2000.



Palestinians of Syria: February 28, 2017 Statistics:

- At least 3,454 Palestinians, including 455 women, were killed in war-torn Syria.
- 1,169 Palestinian refugees, including 83 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 1,349 days in a row.
- 190 Palestinians died of undernourishment and medical neglect in the blockaded Yarmouk Camp.

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- Water supplies cut off in Deraa and Yarmouk camps respectively for 1,053 and 861 days.
- Residents of Handarat Camp, in Aleppo, denied access to their homes for 1,397 days. Government battalions have been holding sway over the camp for more than 131 days.
- Government troops ban residents of AlSbiena Camp from returning to their homes for 1,202 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.