

## التقرير اليومي الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية

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# "Stranded Residents of Yarmouk Camp Diagnosed with Typhoid"



- Palestinian Refugee Killed in Jroud Arsal Hostilities
- ISIS Turns Parts of Yarmouk into Military Zones, Steals Property
- Palestinian Students from Syria in Lebanon Join Summer Camp

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#### **Victims**

Palestinian refugee from Syria Mohamed Essam Salama, a member of the pro-regime Palestinian Return Brigade in AlSayeda Zeinab Camp, in Rif Dimashq, died as he fought alongside Hezbollah outfits in Jroud Arsal.

AGPS documented the death of 3,543 Palestinian refugees in war-torn Syria.



#### Latest Developments

Reporting from southern Damascus, AGPS news correspondent said a number of stranded civilians in Yarmouk Camp caught typhoid disease due to the contaminated water consumed by the residents and the temperature hike.

Sick civilians continue to appeal for urgent treatment at a time when the Syrian government has sealed off the main access roads to the camp. Clinics and hospitals in the area have also gone out of operation.

Over recent months, the Palestine Charity Commission in southern Damascus has warned of the swift propagation of life-threatening diseases and infections among thousands of civilians and refugees in such

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southern Damascus areas as Yalda, Babilla, and Beit Sahem, due to contaminated water supplies.



The charity warned that several children have been diagnosed with sharp diarrhea, inflammatory bowel diseases, and leishmaniasis, among other lethal diseases.

The commission attributed the phenomenon to the unhygienic water supplies drunk by civilians in the area as the Syrian government cut off water to Yarmouk shelter and its environs since September 9, 2014. Springs serving hundreds of civilians in the territory have also ceased to flow.

Civilians have also been prevented from fetching water after ISIS held sway over the camp in early April 2014. Soaring clashes between ISIS and AlNusra Front, since April 7, 2016, have made the situation far worse.

At the same time, ISIS closed off the neighborhoods adjacent to AlShuhadaa sector in Yarmouk and declared them closed military zones after forcing civilians out of the area.

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AGPS reporter quoted residents as stating that they caught sight of ISIS vehicles carrying furniture stolen from civilian homes to ISIS stronghold in AlHajar AlAswad.

Sometime earlier, ISIS forced civilians out of their homes near Abdul Qadir AlHusseini Mosque and Haifa Street, declaring the area a closed military site.

In the meantime, a number of Palestinian students from Syria joined a summer camp that kicked off on July 25 in Lebanon under the slogan "We Learn with Pleasure for Palestine."



The camp, staged by the International Association of Palestinian Teachers in AlManara town, in western AlBekaa, aims to boost refugees' intellectual output, alleviate the traumatic upshots of warfare, and foster cooperation among war-affected children.

The camp also comes as part of underway endeavors to bridge the gap between the English-based Lebanese curricula and the Arabic-based Syrian curricula.

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#### Palestinians of Syria: July 31, 2017 Statistics:

- At least 3,543 Palestinians, including 463 women, were killed in war-torn Syria.
- 1,621 Palestinian refugees, including 102 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 1,466 days in a row.
- 196 Palestinians died of undernourishment and medical neglect in the blockaded Yarmouk Camp.
- Water supplies cut off in Deraa and Yarmouk camps respectively for 1,205 and 1,054 days.
- Residents of Handarat Camp, in Aleppo, denied access to their homes for 1,548 days. Government battalions have been holding sway over the camp for more than 301 days.
- Nearly 85,000 Palestinian refugees from Syria fled to Europe until the end of 2016.
- 31,000 Palestinians from Syria are housed in Lebanon.
- 17,000 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.