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## "Artillery and Air Strikes Target Khan Al Shieh Camp and its Vicinity"



- A Palestinian Member of Alquds Brigades Died in the Vicinity of Handarat Camp
- News about ISIS Preparations to Attack Nusra Front in Yarmouk
- PLO Denies Knowledge and Relation to the Yarmouk Agreement
- The Syrian Security Arrests the Leader of Yarmouk Residents Movement Essam Betary after Exit for Negotiations
- The AGPS Correspondent: Complete Closure of the Road between Nairab Camp and Aleppo

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#### **Victims**

The Palestinian refugee, Ghasan Safouri, from Nairab camp in Aleppo, a member of Alquds brigade, died during clashes that broke out in the vicinity of Handarat camp between the regular army alongside Alquds brigade on the one hand and the Syrian armed opposition groups on the other hand.

Many residents of Nairab camp died while fighting within Alquds brigade at Handarat fighting. The brigade contains Palestinian refugees from Nairab camp, fighters from Handarat camp, and fighters from Aleppo and its western and southern suburb. The headquarters of Alquds brigade is in Nairab camp, and a branch was opened at Al Raml camp in Lathakeia.

#### **Recent Updates**

Russian and Syrian warplanes implemented air strikes since early morning that targeted the outskirts of Khan AL Shieh camp in Damascus suburb, while activists confirmed to the AGPS that warplanes use internationally prohibited shells. The AGPS correspondent reported that artillery shelling of the regular army stationed at Talet Alkabouseia targeted houses in the western lane of the camp.

Warplanes have recently intensified its strikes against the camp that receives hundreds of displaced families from the adjacent towns and villages, while the strikes resulted in many deaths and injuries, in addition to massive destruction of civilians' houses.

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A number of activists inside the Yarmouk camp reported that ISIS fortified its positions and mobilized its members in preparation for imposing control of areas controlled by Nusra Front in the camp.

According to websites belongs to the Nusra, and according to a journalest of Fatah Alsham, ISIS directed warnings to civilians in Rija area, controlled by Nusra, to go out of the region, the warning is the first of its kind after the exit Buraq Brigades from the area for nearly ten days.



In addition, ISIS let the choice to civilians either to stay in its controlled areas or to exit to Yalda, Babila, and Beit Sahem towns south of Damascus. Civilians leave through the checkpoints of ISIS at Rija square,

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noting that ISIS imposes its control over large parts of the camps, while clashes are still ongoing between ISIS and Nusra since April 6, 2016, mostly in Yarmouk. The clashes let to many deaths and injuries among the civilians.

On the other hand, an official source of the PLO in Damascus denied statements made by the President of the Civic Council in Yarmouk, Fawzi Hamid, about the imminent agreement between the PLO, the Syrian government, and ISIS about lifting the siege of the Yarmouk refugee camp south of Damascus.

Commenting on Hamid, an official in the PLO said that the organization had no knowledge with any information said by Mr. Fawzi Hamid about this agreement."

Hamid spoke about an imminent agreement between the PLO, the Syrian government, and ISIS about lifting the siege on the Yarmouk refugee camp, and expected to be signed and announced in two days, noting that the agreement consists of five main points, namely:

A cease-fire in the camp, in all its forms

Prevention of violence in neighboring areas, including Altadamon neighborhood

Opening a safe passage in Yarmouk from Palestine Street

Facilitating the entry of all kinds of aid into the Yarmouk refugee camp to subsistence Center

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Facilitating the entry and exit of citizens, and not to arrest any person under any circumstance

In the same context, the Syrian security forces of the regime in Palestine Branch arrested commander of Yarmouk Residents Movement of the "Al-Buraq Brigades," the Palestinian refugee "Essam Bitara" known as Abu Abed Essam, after he left to negotiate over the fate of the Yarmouk refugee camp of armed opposition controlled area south of the capital Damascus to the regime controlled areas in the capital, across Babila-Sidi Mekdad checkpoint.

Activists quoted from a military source in one of the armed opposition groups, that "Abu Abed" came out to negotiate with the Syrian regime with a guarantee of a civic institutions and a working military entities earlier in the Yarmouk camp.

The source added that the operation coordinator and sponsor for the exit of "Abu Abed" to "Palestine Branch" is called "Abu Mohammad Beheiri," an official of Aknaf Bait Almaqdis Brigades in the south of Damascus.

The movement had announced, 10 days ago, that it abandoned Nusra and withdraw its members from Rija square to the ISIS controlled areas inside the Yarmouk camp. Essam Albitar, Abu Alabed, a leader of Yarmouk Residents Movement-Buraq brigades- in a statement was published on their official website, that the movement abandoned Nusra came under the pretext of opposition to the agreement with the regular army. The agreement stated the withdrawal of its members towards Idlib city and emptying the region of fighters, weapons, and to left it to an unknown fate. The other reason was because of the refusal of Nusra to

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hand over Rabat points in Rijh to the movement and support it with weapons, pointing to the desire of the movement to stay within the Yarmouk refugee camp and defend it.

In the south of Syria, the AGPS correspondent reported that Ramousa road, which links Aleppo city with Neirab camp, was completely closed due to the violent clashes that broke out between the armed opposition groups and the regular army alongside the popular committees and Alquds brigades.

He also added that sounds of violent clashes and explosions rocked the Neirab camp.



Ramousa road is considered one of the most dangerous roads for Neirab residents, where civilians have been shot, while the movement of residents was interrupted for fear of sniping and violent clashes.

It is noteworthy that the camp is witnessing a state of instability and insecurity due to the tense security situation in the adjacent areas. The location of Neirab adjacent to the Neirab military airport has formed a

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strategic location for the conflict parties in Syria. The camp was previously targeted and exposed to shooting, which led to deaths among civilians, especially that a number of its residents are engaged in fighting against the armed opposition groups, putting the camp and the residents in case of targeting by the armed groups.

#### Palestinians of Syria; Numbers and Statistics till 2\08\2016:

- 15500 Palestinian Syrian refugees are in Jordan
- 42.500 Palestinian Syrian refugees are in Lebanon
- 6000 Palestinian Syrian refugees are in Egypt, according to the UNRWA statistics till July 2015
- 8000 Palestinian Syrian refugees are in Turkey
- 1000 Palestinian Syrian refugees are in Gaza
- More than 71.2 thousand Palestinian Syrian refugees have reached Europe till the End of December 2015
- The Yarmouk Camp: siege, imposed by the Regular Army and PFGC groups, continued for 1142 consecutive days. Power cut continued for more than 1203 days, water was cut for 692 days respectively. The number of siege victims is 187.
- Al Sbeina Camp: Regular Army is still preventing the residents of the camp to return back to their houses for 995 days respectively.
- Handarat Camp: All Residents have left the camp for about 1 187 days after the Syrian Opposition Groups controlled it.
- Dara'a Camp: It is now almost 848 days without water and almost 70% of its buildings were demolished.

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- Jermana, AL Saieda ZAinab, Al Raml, Al Aedein Camps in Homs and Hamma: A relatively quiet situation in light of the economic crises.
- Khan Al Sheih Camp: Roads linking the camp to the city center are still closed except for Zakia- Khan Al Sheih road.