

# التقرير اليومي الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية

### Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria

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"4 Palestinian Detainees Released at Saramda Town in Idlib Suburb, and a Palestinian Refugee Woman Searching her Family after Years of Detention at the Syrian Prisons"



Saramda Town

- Shelling Targets Khan Al Shieh and Yarmouk Camps
- Syrian Security Services still Arrest Hundreds of Palestinian Children, Women, and Elderly People
- The AGPS Congratulates Palestinian Return Center in the Occasion of Obtaining the NGOs UN Membership
- Palestinians of Syria Sit-in at Al Burj Al Shamali, Al Rashideia, and Mieh Mieh Camps against UNRWA Aid Reduction
- Launch of Several Summer Clubs for the Children of the Palestinian Refugee Camps in Syria
- "65" Palestinian Refugees Died during April 2015 ... and "89" Victims in the Same Month in 2014.

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#### **Idlib**

The AGPS received news reported that the "Army of the Mujahideen," a Syrian armed opposition group that controls Saramda city, 35 kilometers north of Idlib province, released the Palestinian Syrian refugees who were forcibly deported to the North of Syria by Turkish authorities after being arrested while trying to reach Greece, while the AGPS could not assure the news from other sources.

It is worth mentioning that the Turkish police deported the Palestinian Syrians on 30th of last May, after being arrested in the Turkish city of Izmir where they were harassed by the security men there before being deported by bus to a border camp as they were told. The soldiers at the border transferred them outside the Turkish border, and told them that they are barred from entering Turkish territory for a year, without giving any official document confirming the reason of deportation

### **Recent Updates**

After being released from Syrian prisons, the young woman, "Israa Murad Al-Salem," 21 years, found herself in a case of loss and displacement, after she could not find her family and relatives, after 3 years of detention in the Syrian prisons.

Israa is the only daughter for her Palestinian family, from Homs province. After being released, Israa went to her family and her relatives, but she did not find anyone of them, as she was informed, with uncertain news, that her family resorted to outside Syria.



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Meanwhile, a number of activists appealed, via social networks, anyone has information about Israa's relatives to communicate and interact to search for them.

In the meantime, number of rockets and missiles targeted the Yarmouk camp south of the Syrian capital Damascus yesterday, which resulted in only material damages, coincided with the outbreak of clashes between Palestinian armed groups and ISIS alongside Al-Nusra Front. The clashes concentrated in the vicinity of Rijh Square, while ISIS still controls about 60% of neighborhoods and lanes of Yarmouk.

In the same context, violent shelling by the 137 Regiment of the regular army targeted Khan Al Shieh camp, and resulted in a state of fear and panic among the residents, as well as the mass destruction where the missiles were dropped. Meanwhile, heavy gunfire sounds were heard as a result of clashes between the Syrian opposition armed groups and the regular army at Al Salam highway.



Targeting Khan Al Shieh camp



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The camp has been subjected to bombardment and a number of shells on Monday night, which targeted the main water reservoir of the camp and Al Hara Al Gharbeia area, with no injuries among civilians

Moreover, residents, dignitaries, and activists of the camp renewed their calls for the conflict parties in Syria to neutralize the camp, and not to involve it in the ongoing conflict there.

On the other hand, the Syrian security services continue detaining more than 877 Palestinian refugees in its jails, including children, women, elderly people, brothers, fathers, sons, and entire families, while hundreds of them died due to torture.

Among these Palestinian refugees, the Palestinian child, "Mustafa Ali Ayoub," 15 years, is detained since 10.5.2012 after a raid on his home at Al Tadamun neighborhood adjacent to the Yarmouk camp. A released detainee informed his family, after six months of detention, that he is in a Syrian security branch, and since then there have been no news about him.

Syrian security also continues detaining the Palestinian refugee, "Mohammed Mustafa al-Kilani,"65 years, who was arrested by the Syrian regime forces from the Mezze district in Damascus on 08.01.2014.

It was mentioned that the AGPS documented the arrest of 877 Palestinian refugees who are in the prisons of the Syrian regime, including 36 Palestinian refugee women, their fate is unknown yet. In addition, it also documented the death of 394 Palestinian refugees due to torture, while most of their bodies were not delivered to their families.



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On the other hand, "Al Shahied Samer Al Said" kindergarten and Himma Youth Volunteer Group in Khan Al Shieh camp launched their first summer activity, "Sun Children Club," for the children between 4-10 years.

In Qudseia area-Damascus suburb, where thousands of Palestinian displaced refugees live, Charity Committee for the Relief of Palestinian People opened her second summer club "Alwan." The summer club included various activities for children in an attempt to alleviate the displacement suffering and the psychological repercussions of war.

Jafra Foundation in Al Aedein Camp-Homs launched "Tareiq AL Nahl" summer club for the children of the camp. The club included number of activities, and first aids course.

Children are considered the most affected group of the ongoing war in Syria owning to the shelling, the sniping, the displacement, and the death of hundreds of victims.



Kindergarten summer activity in Khan Al Shieh camp



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### Action Group for Palestinians of Syria

The AGPS issued a statement to congratulate Palestinian Return Center-London about obtaining the NGOs UN membership. The group considered this step as a strong support for the rights of the Palestinian people within fighting for their right of return, while the PRC was the most affective institution that seeks to highlight and defend the cause of refugees in the international forums.

The AGPS wished more success and progress for the PRC in defending the rights of Palestinian refugees till they achieve their hopes of liberation and return.

#### Lebanon

In the context of escalating protests against the UNRWA's decisions of reducing financial aid for Palestinian refugees, dozens of Palestinian Syrians who are displaced in Lebanon carried out several sit-ins.

The sit-ins were held at Al Burj Al Shamali, Al Rashideia, and Mieh Mieh camps in the cities of Tire and Sidon southern Lebanon in front of the UNRWA office, denouncing the recent UNRWA's decisions of cutting shelter allowance.

Protesters demanded the Palestinian factions, the PLO, and human rights organizations to take immediate action to put pressure on UNRWA in order to back down these decisions.

At the end of the sit-in, Palestinians of Syria and Palestinian popular committees delivered a memorandum to the director of UNRWA



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demanding to reconsider its decision, which will have negative repercussions on the living and humanitarian conditions of Palestinian refugees displaced from Syria in Lebanon



#### **Statistics**

The AGPS monitoring and documentation team confirmed that it documented the death of 65 victims during last April 2015, while 89 refugees died in the same month on 2014 due to the ongoing conflict in Syria.

The AGPS noted that the 65 victims who died in 2015 were distributed to the Syrian cities as following:

30 victims in Damascus, 7 victims in Damascus suburb, 12 victims in Swaidaa, 1 victim in Aleppo, 2 victims in Daraa, 1 victim in Latakia, and 12 victims in different areas in Syria.

Meanwhile, the 89 victims who died on April 2014 included 60 victims in Damascus and its suburb, 3 victims in Daraa, 10 victims in Aleppo and Nairab camp, 6 victims in Homs, and 1 victim in Latakia.



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Furthermore, 36 Palestinian refugees died due to direct shelling that targeted their camps and compounds in Syria during last April, especially Yarmouk where 30 refugees died, 3 refugees died in Khan Al Shieh camp, 1 refugee died in Al Raml Camp-Latakia, and two refugees died in Daraa Camp.

#### Numbers and Statistics till 2/6/2015

- 80,000 Palestinian refugees escaped from Syria, including 10,687 refugees in Jordan, 51300 refugees in Lebanon, and 6,000 refugees in Egypt, according to the UNRWA's statistics till February 2015.
- At least 27933 Palestinian Syrian refugees have reached Europe during the last 4 years.
- The number of Palestinian detainees who were documented by the AGPS has reached 877 detainees, and 394 victims were killed due to torture in the Syrian prisons.
- The Yarmouk Camp: Siege, imposed by the Regular Army and PFGC, continued for 705 days respectively. In addition, power cuts continued for more than 775 days, water was cut for 265 days respectively. The number of victims due to the siege has reached to 177 victims.
- Al Husayneyya Camp: Regular Army is still preventing the residents of the camp to return back to their houses for 586 days respectively.
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- Handarat Camp: Residents have left the camp for 769 days after the Syrian Opposition Groups controlled it.
- Dara'a Camp: It is now almost 412 days without water and 70% of its buildings were demolished.
- Jermana, AL SaiedaZAinab, 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.