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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"Bariqa Camp: Palestinian refugees under snow, without water, bread or firewood"

- ISIS publishes photos of the executions it carried out on two Palestinian refugees in Yarmouk camp
- Transportation crisis and economic suffering continue to affect residents of Khan Danon camp in the suburbs of Damascus
- Syrian security continues to detain Palestinian "Hassan Layla," for the sixth year



Latest Developments

More than 8 thousand displaced Palestinian and Syrian refugees in Bariqa camp in south Syria, are suffering from extremely harsh humanitarian conditions. Their woes have been exacerbated by the severe cold spells and snowfall.

Our correspondent said that the storms that hit the area removed some tents from their places, while the rainwater entered other tents, adding that they had to place a number of displaced families inside one tent because of the damaged tents.

One of the refugees said that they are facing very difficult conditions because of the snow, which makes them unable to sleep at night as they shovel the snow away from the tents. In the morning they wake up to find that their neighbor's tent is on the ground or that their tent has flown away because of the storm. He added that a refugee died in the camp a few days ago, during the severe cold wave that hit the country.





Bariqa is considered one of the biggest refugee camps in south Syria. It was built on 27-11-2013 in an elevated area on the border with the occupied Golan area, in the suburbs of the Quneitra governorate.

About 1000 Palestinian and Syrian refugee families live in Bariqa camp, most of which fled the bombardments of the Syrian regime and its allies, from the suburbs of Damascus, Aleppo, Hama, Idlib and the areas of south Syria.

Our reporter said that the least family has a martyr, disabled or injured member because of the war. There are no clinics, hospitals or medical care in the camp, describing the situation as out of the world. He adds that if a family has an emergency case, the residents will fail to provide aid to it.

The camp suffers from the lack of bread due to the accumulated snow on the main road that links to the town of Bariqa, in addition to the inability of cars bringing water, bread and vegetables to reach the camp, due to the closure of the road with snow.

In addition, the lack of the people's sources of income caused by the shortage of work opportunities and spread of unemployment among them, mainly because of the difficulty in moving between the different areas, as well as the increased price of fuel for heating and the absence of firewood from the region, due to the consumption of the existing trees by the residents of the camp.

The residents of the camp called on all the charities and relief organizations to move urgently to the camp, to provide a helping



hand and rapid assistance, such as heating materials, food baskets, medication, milk and children's towels.

The residents also appealed to the Local Council of Bariqa town and the opposition factions in the region, to intervene urgently to open the main roads leading to the camp, due to the accumulation of snow and to provide them with basic materials.

Thousands of Palestinian refugees in Syria have been displaced from their camps and areas of gathering because of the regime's bombardments and the ongoing war in Syria. They are living in tragic conditions inside the camps and shelter centers, as well as the lack of aid and services provided to them.

In another context, ISIS in Yarmouk camp published extremely harsh pictures, showing its members while executing the refugees "Ramez Abdallah" and "Bashar Saeed."

The pictures published by ISIS, which the Action Group refused to publish due to its monstrosity, the members of ISIS as they proceeded to execute the refugee Ramez Abdallah, in a very brutal way, by what the members called 'by sword,' for communicating with the Syrian regime. Other pictures showed a member of ISIS while shooting directly at the refugee Bashar Saeed, for communicating with one of the Syrian opposition groups in south Damascus.

AGPS could not confirm the authenticity of the pictures from another source.



ISIS commits and has committed numerous violations against civilians since taking control of Yarmouk camp in early April 2015. On 13th of February 2017, ISIS executed the Palestinian refugee "Mohammed Attia," known as "Hamouda Jezira," in the besieged Yarmouk camp.

On March 2nd 2017, ISIS executed four refugees: "Mohammed Nassar," a member of the Elyan family, another from the Tahya family and two other refugees from the ranks of 'Hayat Tahrir Al-Sham.'

In the seventh month of 2017, a boy named "Mohammed Elyan" was executed for helping the injured members of 'Hayat Tahrir Al-Sham' which is hostile to ISIS in Yarmouk camp.

In the suburbs of Damascus, the residents of the Khan Danon camp are living in stable security conditions, however its residents are suffering from the serious worsening of their living conditions, as a result of the implications of the war in Syria. Since the war began, they have been complaining of being able to secure their means of transportation to and from the camp, where the movement to and from the Khan Danon camp are one of the problems that cannot be taken easily by its residents. Any employee or student must wait for several hours to be able to reach their workplace, in addition to the other frustrations of the expenses of up to a quarter of their salary or more, and the temperamental mood of the drivers.

The students and employees are suffering from the lack of microbuses which transport them to their workplaces, schools or universities, in addition to the exploitation of the bus drivers who



raise the transportation fares and force a certain route that suits them. Most of the buses only reach the area of Al-Kiswah, at which the people are forced to take at least one other mean of transportation to reach their workplaces, which constitutes a financial burden and wastes a lot of time.



On their part, the residents of the camp confirmed that they issued a number of complaints to the concerned authorities, the Palestinian factions and its government, however their complaints went with the wind. They added that many faction officials and political forces come to attend festivals and deliver speeches about the steadfastness of the people, stressing that it was better for the officials to come and see the daily suffering of the people and find quick solutions to them.

In another context, the Syrian regime continues to detain 26-year-old, Palestinian "Hassan Ziad Layla," for the sixth consecutive year. His arrest came while the Syrian regime forces raided Al-Qastal School in Yarmouk camp. He was taken to an unknown place



and his location remains unknown to this date, with no information released about his fate.

AGPS receives a number of messages and information about the detained Palestinians. They are then documented despite the difficulty of recording information because the Syrian regime continues to hide the fate, names and locations of the detainees. The Group has recorded the detention of 1656 Palestinian refugees in the Syrian regime prisons, of which 105 of them are women.

Palestinians of Syria: February 03, 2018 Statistics:

- The total number of victims documented by the Action Group is 3645, including 463 women
- 1656 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 1,661 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 1397 days,
 and 1237 days in Yarmouk Camp
- The Regime army has been in control of Handarat camp for more than 495 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