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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"Winter and the state of misery reveal another aspect of the suffering of Palestinian-Syrians in the Lebanese Beqaa"

- A member of the Liwaa Al-Quds battalion dies in Deir ez-Zour clashes
- Night bombardments with mortar shells target Deraa camp in south Damascus
- Basic materials disappear from the markets in south Damascus, after the regime's closure of the Babilla checkpoint
- The average number of drowned and missing in 2017 reaches its highest level in decades
- Palestinians in Syria Relief and Development Association starts implementing the 2017 winter project

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Victims

Palestinian “Hassan Al-Motlaq,” member of the Liwaa Al-Quds battalion has died while fighting alongside the Syrian regime forces, in the ongoing clashes in Deir ez-Zour, east of Syria.

On its part, AGPS documented the data of 627 Palestinian refugees, who have died while fighting alongside the Syrian regime forces.



Latest Developments

Winter and the state of misery have revealed another aspect of the suffering of Palestinian-Syrians in the Lebanese Beqaa, where the suffering of those displaced to Lebanon has no end, however continues amid the ongoing conflict in Syria.

950 Palestinian-Syrian refugee families displaced from Palestine to the Lebanese Beqaa, suffer from difficult living conditions, in terms of the nature of the mountainous area, the cold winter and the hot summer conditions, as well as the lack of the relief aid provided by UNRWA, charities and the Palestinian authorities and factions.



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In addition, they are incapable of guaranteeing the price of heating materials due to the high prices and the lack of financial resources and employment opportunities, that enable them to secure the basic necessities of life.

Regarding the reality of the Palestinian-Syrians in the Beqaa area and the winter aid provided by charities and UNRWA, one of the relief activists states that: “The state of the refugees is aggravating and their tragedy increases as winter approaches, especially as the temperatures drop to below zero.

The activist noted that the refugee families are in desperate need of fuel materials, especially mazut which costs \$9 per 20 liters. One family requires an average of 10 liters of mazut per day, due to the extreme cold weather.



On its part, Palestinian-Syrian families demanded that their tragedy be highlighted, in order to transfer their suffering and communicate it to the decision-makers and concerned parties, especially UNRWA, the Palestine Liberation Organization and the Palestinian factions located in Lebanon and the relief associations and organizations.



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The number of displaced Palestinian-Syrians according to UNRWA's statistics has reached 31 thousand, while the final results of the "The General Population and Housing Census in the Palestinian Camps and Gatherings in Lebanon" indicates that the number has decreased to 18601 people.

In another side of the Palestinian refugees' suffering, the regime forces centered in Deraa city, bombarded the neighborhoods of Deraa camp for Palestinian refugees with a number of mortar shells, on Wednesday-Thursday night, causing destruction to the residents' houses.

The remaining residents of the camp are complaining of the harsh humanitarian conditions due to the siege imposed by the regime's army on the camp and the areas adjacent to it. They are also suffering because of the extreme shortage of food supplies and the continuous water, electricity and communication cuts for long periods of time.

In the south of Damascus, the Syrian regime forces are continuing to close the Babilla-Sidi Makdad checkpoint, leading to the total disappearance of the basic materials from the markets and the presence of weed only.

According to our reporter, the basic materials such as bread, flour and sugar, have disappeared from the markets in Babilla, Yelda and Beit Sahm in south Damascus, in addition to the increase of the prices of fuel, following the complete closure of the Babilla-Sidi Makdad checkpoint since 02-01-2018, by the Assad forces.



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Sources in south Damascus stated that the regime forces temporarily opened the Babilla-Sidi Makdad checkpoint today, to allow the entry of the civilians stranded in the capital Damascus, who left the towns of Yelda, Babilla and Beit Sahm to the capital, and were unable to return after the checkpoint's closure. The members of the regime also allowed the entry of one bag of bread per family.

Thousands of Palestinian refugees fled from Yarmouk camp to the towns in south Damascus, after ISIS took control over the besieged camp.

In another context, the Euro-Mediterranean Observatory for Human Rights revealed that the number of drowned and missing people in the Mediterranean during 2017, has reached its highest in decades.

The Observatory estimated the ratio of drowning to total arrivals to Europe across the Mediterranean during 2017 at 1.76%, while the number had not exceeded 1.38% in the year 2016, which saw an increased demand for immigration by sea.

The Observatory noted that although the number of migrants and asylum seekers arriving in Europe through the Mediterranean Sea decreased to half the number recorded in 2016, the rate of drowned and missing compared to the total arrivals this year was the highest.

In its yearly report, the Observatory indicated that the number of people seeking asylum to Europe by sea or by land has decreased



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significantly in 2017 reaching 181543, including 85662 from Syria, because of the conflict in their country.

The report confirmed that the number of asylum-seekers reached more than 1 million and 200 thousand by the end of 2015 and the beginning of 2016, including more than 300 thousand Syrians.

On its part, the studies' department in AGPS announced that more than 85 thousand Palestinian-Syrian refugees reached Europe by the end of 2016. The Action Group recorded the death of 50 Palestinian-Syrian refugees, after drowning while attempting to reach the European countries.

Local Work Committees:

Palestinians in Syria Relief and Development Association, in coordination with the Australian Islamic Association and the Albanian Waqf, have started the implementation of the 2018 winter campaign. According to the organizers of the campaign, the Association will distribute heating materials (coal or mazut), to the Palestinian families displaced to Idlib in north Syria, noting that the campaign will include the four governorates of Deraa, Damascus, Aleppo and Idlib.

The Palestinians in Syria Relief and Development Association, previously known as the Palestinian Charitable Association, has implemented a series of relief, charitable and services projects over the past five years, in the Palestinian camps and gatherings in Syria. It has also provided all kinds of relief and cared for orphans, medical



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care and followed-up with the vulnerable cases of children, women and the elderly and assisted them in difficult circumstances, in order to alleviate the humanitarian and relief situation of the Palestinian refugees in Syria.



Palestinians of Syria: January 04, 2018 Statistics:

- The total number of victims documented by the Action Group is 3632, including 463 women
- 1644 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 1,632 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 1369 days, and 1209 days in Yarmouk Camp
- The Regime army has been in control of Handarat camp for more than 467 days. More than 80% of its buildings have been completely or partially destroyed.



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- 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