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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria

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"Health Situation Takes Turn for Worse in Yarmouk Camp due to Blockade Enforced by ISIS, Gov't Squads"



- 27 Palestinians Killed in War-Torn Syria in February
- Palestinian Refugee Nabih Awad Locked Up in Gov't Jail for 4th Year
- Swedish Investigation Lapse Prevents Palestinian Refugee from Syria from Right to Family Reunification

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Latest Developments

The health situation in Yarmouk Camp, in Damascus, has gone sharply downhill as hundreds of civilian residents sustained life-threatening diseases.

All hospitals and clinics in the camp, except for the under-equipped Palestine Hospital, have gone out of operation due to the acute shortage in medical stuff and specialized practitioners as a result of the tough blockade slapped by the regime army and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine – General Command (PFLP-GC) for 1,352 days in a row.



3,000 to 5,000 civilians have been trapped inside the shelter while 185 refugees died as a result of undernourishment and medical neglect.

ISIS militias have grabbed hold of large areas of Yarmouk Camp since early April 2015, in cooperation with AlNusra Front battalion. As a result, thousands of trapped civilians fled to nearby towns for fear of being killed by ISIS.

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Meanwhile, AGPS documented the death of 27 Palestinian refugees in Syria in February 2017 due to war-related incidents.

Four Palestinian refugees died under shelling by the government forces on Yarmouk Camp, Deraa Camp, and AlMuzeireeb. 13 Palestinians died as they took part in pro-government battles, three among whom identified as conscripts at the Palestine Liberation Army (PLA) and four others from AlQuds Brigade.

The list of casualties also included three Palestinians who died as they fought alongside the opposition outfits. At the same time, four refugees were cold-bloodedly executed by ISIS mobs in Yarmouk and two others were tortured to death in Syrian government penitentiaries. A female refugee, believed to be affiliated with the opposition squads on Yarmouk's eastern edges, was fatally gunned down by a sniper.

A total of 3,453 Palestinian refugees from Syria were killed since the outbreak of the hostilities.

In a related development, Palestinian refugee Nabih Ahmed Awad, aged 67, has been jailed in government lock-ups for four years in a row.

Awad was kidnapped by the government forces in 2013 from his home in AlSheikh Saad neighbrhood, in AlMezzeh, lying to the southwest of central Damascus. His fate has been shrouded in mystery.

AGPS kept record of 1,169 Palestinian detainees in Syrian government jails, including 83 female refugees.

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In another development, the Swedish Migration Agency (SMA) rebuffed the appeals of Palestinian refugee from Syria Mohamed Alyan to reunite with his family, following a mistake in the investigation procedure.

Alyan, who has been granted a Swedish visa some three years ago, said he was shocked as soon as he caught sight of a letter from SMA notifying him that his appeal for family reunification, which he had submitted just one month ago, was hastily turned down. The letter was dropped in a mailbox at his home located near the Swedish city of Jonkoping.

Alyan said the Migration Agency mistook him for another person and when he headed to the office for further clarification his inquiries were turned down.

SMA demanded that Alyan get an authorization from his wife for she is the concerned party in the case.

"A SMA staff member was surprised when she caught sight of someone else's name in my file," said Alyan. "The lay said she believed a lapse of some sort occurred in the decision-making process and recommended that I appeal the decision immediately."

Palestinians of Syria: March 4, 2017 Statistics:

- At least 3,453 Palestinians, including 455 women, were killed in war-torn Syria.
- 1,169 Palestinian refugees, including 83 women, are incarcerated in Syrian government lock-ups.

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- Yarmouk refugee camp has been blockaded by the Syrian regime army and Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine General Command (PFLP-GC) for 1,352 days in a row.
- 190 Palestinians died of undernourishment and medical neglect in the blockaded Yarmouk Camp.
- Water supplies cut off in Deraa and Yarmouk camps respectively for 1,057 and 865 days.
- Residents of Handarat Camp, in Aleppo, denied access to their homes for 1,401 days. Government battalions have been holding sway over the camp for more than 135 days.
- Government troops ban residents of AlSbiena Camp from returning to their homes for 1,206 days running.
- Over 79,000 Palestinian Syrian refugees fled to Europe until mid 2016.
- 31,000 Palestinians from Syria are housed in Lebanon.
- 17 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.