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"Syrian Gov't Forces Tighten Grip on Yarmouk, ISIS Bans Entry of Foodstuff"



- Gov't Forces Strike AlSadd Road, in Daraa
- Hundreds of Palestinians Sit for Exams South of Damascus
- Palestinian Refugee Hussam AlRefa'i Held in Gov't Jail for 3rd Year
- UNRWA Delivers Second Batch of 2017 Cash Assistance to Palestinian Refugees in Aleppo

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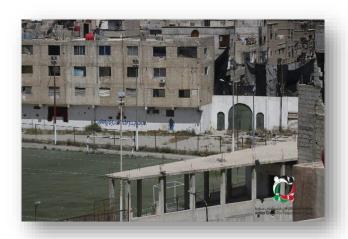


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Latest Developments

ISIS has tightened grip on areas led by Tahrir AlSham west of Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian refugees, south of Damascus. ISIS also prevented civilians from entering much-needed foodstuff to the area.

AGPS news correspondent said over recent days, ISIS allowed the entry of limited quantities of foodstuff and bread.



On April 30, 2017, ISIS unblocked the access road between ISIS-led sites and zones controlled by Tahrir AlSham (formerly known as AlNusra Front), shortly after food aids were delivered by the government forces to Tahrir AlSham affiliates.

A tough blockade has been imposed on Yarmouk by the government army and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) – General Command (PFLP-GC) for 1,386 consecutive days. Power has also been cut off for 968 days running.

Meanwhile, the Syrian government forces struck residential buildings in AlSadd Road, in Daraa, with a ground-to-ground missile and mortar

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shells, resulting in heavy material damage. At the same time, clashes between the government forces and the opposition outfits rocked AlSadd's edges.

The government forces have stepped up military offensives on oppositionled zones in southern Syria.

AlSadd road is home to dozens of Palestinian families, along with hundreds of families displaced from the beleaguered Daraa Camp.

In the meantime, over 1,700 Syrian and Palestinian refugee students continue to sit for exams at AlJarmak alternative school in Yalda.

The exams are carried out under the supervision of the Ministry of Education, the General Commission for Palestinian Arab Refugees, and UNRWA's Education Program.



Palestinian families south of Damascus have shown an unyielding commitment to boost their children's academic output to have them enrolled at AlJarmak School.

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Concerns over abrupt abduction sweeps, torture, and enforced military conscription have led to a dramatic increase in school dropouts and children's access to education, according to an earlier report by AGPS.

The Syrian warfare has contributed to a sharp nosedive in the rates of access to education, estimated at 75% in 2015, down from 95% prior to the conflict.

In another development, 29-year-old Palestinian refugee Hussam Ali AlRefa'i, a resident of Yarmouk, has been held in Syrian penitentiaries for over three years. AlRefa'I was kidnapped by the regime troops on May 15, 2013.

AGPS documented the internment of 1,189 Palestinian refugees in Syrian government lock-ups, among whom 87 female refugees. 461 Palestinians were tortured to death in regime jails.



Meanwhile, Palestinian refugees in Aleppo received text messages from UNRWA notifying of the time and place for the delivery of the second batch of cash aids for 2017.

Every family member is expected to receive 33,000 Syrian Pounds. Those sheltered in UNRWA centers will get 16,500 Syrian Pounds per every family member.

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Nearly 450,000 Palestinian refugees have been sheltered in war-torn Syria, among whom 280,000 internally displaced refugees, according to UNRWA statistics until the end of December 2016.

Palestinians of Syria: April 04, 2017 Statistics:

- At least 3,488 Palestinians, including 455 women, were killed in war-torn Syria.
- 1,189 Palestinian refugees, including 87 women, are incarcerated in Syrian government lock-ups.
- Yarmouk refugee camp has been blockaded by the Syrian regime army and Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine General Command (PFLP-GC) for 1,386 days in a row.
- 195 Palestinians died of undernourishment and medical neglect in the blockaded Yarmouk Camp.
- Water supplies cut off in Deraa and Yarmouk camps respectively for 1,117 and 968 days.
- Residents of Handarat Camp, in Aleppo, denied access to their homes for 1,461 days. Government battalions have been holding sway over the camp for more than 195 days.
- Nearly 85,000 Palestinian Syrian refugees fled to Europe until mid 2016.
- 31,000 Palestinians from Syria are housed in Lebanon.
- 17,000 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.