

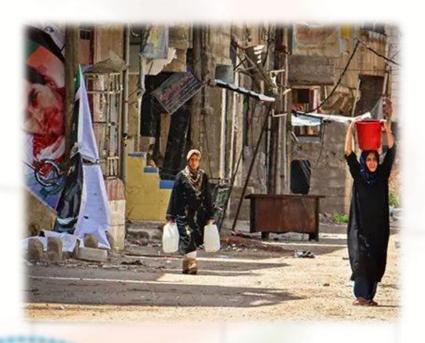
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"Residents of Deraa Camp Sound Distress Signals as Water Cut Enters 1000th Day"



- Clashes in Yarmouk between ISIS militias and pro-gov't battalions
- Reconstruction of Al-Houda Mosque in Khan Al-Sheih Camp kicks off, 50 days after it was struck

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Latest Developments

Residents of the Deraa Camp for Palestinian refugees in southern Syria have launched a cry for help over the chronic water blackout rocking the shelter for 1,000 days running.

Deraa residents have been forced to rely on contaminated artesian wells to secure water supplies. Refugees often walk for long distances to fetch water, risking a journey fraught with danger to irrigate their children's thirst.



The blockaded residents of Deraa called on the concerned human rights bodies, namely the UNRWA and the International Red Cross, to urgently work out the crisis and help civilians secure unpolluted water supplies.

Some 265 displaced families are taking refuge in Deraa Camp, which used to shelter over 40,000 residents prior to the Syrian warfare, 25,000 among whom identified as displaced Syrian nations and 17,000 others as Palestinian refugees.

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Nearly 70% of civilian homes in the Deraa Camp have become uninhabitable due to the unabated shelling and onslaughts that had hit the shelter over the past few months. Several displaced Syrians and Palestinians fled to nearby shelters, seeking a safer refuge.

Meanwhile, violent clashes broke out on Tuesday between the progovernment Filastin Al-Horra outfit and ISIS militias at Al-Shuhadaa crossroads in Yarmouk Camp, in southern Damascus province, using light and medium weapons.

Since April 6, 2016, clashes between ISIS and Fatah Al-Sham brigades (formerly known as Al-Nusra Front) have reached a peak in Yarmouk.

The clashes, couple with daily crackdowns by ISIS gangs, took away the lives of several refugees and left others wounded.

At the same time, AGPS on-the-spot reporters in Rural Damascus announced the launch of the reconstruction of the Al-Houda Mosque, in Khan Al-Sheih Camp, 50 days after it was struck by the Syrian and Russian warplanes.



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The latest onslaught on the mosque occurred on November 13, 2016, when Russian fighter jets hit the mosque with thermobaric bombs, commonly known as vacuum bombs. The offensive killed two worshipers and left several others severely injured as they headed to the mosque to perform dawn prayers.

AGPS kept record of the death of 197 Palestinian residents of Khan Al-Sheih Camp due to war-related incidents in the beleaguered Syrian territories.

A tough blockade on the camp was lifted last month following a truce accord between the Syrian government troops and the opposition outfits.

Palestinians of Syria: January 5, 2017 Statistics:

- At least 3,416 Palestinians, including 455 women, were killed in war-torn Syria.
- 1,137 Palestinian refugees, including 80 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 1,296 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 1,000 and 815 days.

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- Residents of Handarat Camp, in Aleppo, denied access to their homes for 1,342 days. Government battalions have been holding sway over the camp for more than 78 days.
- Government troops ban residents of Al-Sbiena Camp from returning to their homes for 1,149 days running.
- Over 79,000 Palestinian Syrian refugees fled to Europe until mid 2016.
- 31,000 Palestinians are housed in Lebanon.
- 17 Palestinians 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.