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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"Activists Launch Campaign to Push for Civilians' Safe Return to Yarmouk Camp"

- 10,000 ATM Cards Distributed by UNRWA to Registered Palestine Refugees in Syria
- 35 Members of Fatah AlIntifada Group Killed in Syria's Warfare
- 2 Palestinian Brothers Honored in Lebanon's Burj Barajneh Camp



## **Latest Developments**

Activists have embarked on a so-called "I'll Be Back Home" campaign in an attempt to urge concerned authorities to reconstruct Yarmouk Camp and allow displaced Palestinian families to safely return to their homes.

The campaigners called on the concerned families to gather at AlBashir and AlMajed mosque, near Yarmouk Camp, pending the creation of civil committees to follow up on the return file.

The activists spoke out against the apathy maintained by the concerned institutions regarding civilians' appeals to return to their homes, saying instead of rehabilitating destroyed facilities the camp has been subjected to property-theft.



Sometime earlier, Syria's Minister of Public Works and Housing Suhail Abdul Latif said serious efforts have been ongoing to finalize the roadmap for the rehabilitation of Yarmouk Camp and other areas in Damascus.

On May 23, pro-government sources in Syria announced the launch of a follow-up committee led by Minister of Public Works and Housing to wrap up rehabilitation plans in Yarmouk Camp and adjacent areas in two month's time.



A few months earlier, the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) published the results of an assessment of the damage to Syrian cities caused by seven years of relentless bombardment by the incumbent regime and its allies since 2011.

The analysis found out that as many as 5,489 buildings were destroyed in Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian refugees. The damage atlas used satellite-detected damage analysis to identify buildings that are either destroyed, or severely or moderately damaged.

Most of Palestinian families taking shelter south of Damascus fled Yarmouk as a result of the tough blockade imposed by the government troops and also after ISIS grabbed hold of the camp on April 1, 2015.

Scores of other stranded families fled the camp following the 33-day military operation launched by the government forces on April 19. The Syrian government forces regained control over the camp and southern Damascus towns following the military operation. Dozens of civilians were killed and dozens more injured in the offensive. Over 80% of buildings have gone either totally or partially destroyed.

A number of activists and residents attempting to reach their homes in Yarmouk Camp have been denied access into the area by Syrian government troops deployed at the main entrances to the camp. Reports of theft have also emerged after Syrian government forces grabbed hold of the camp and reportedly burglarized civilian homes. Pro-government troops stole electric kit, furniture, and wares, among other equipment.



In another development, UNRWA has handed over 10,000 ATM cards to Palestinian refugee registered with the agency across Syria in an attempt to smooth cash-aid delivery.

Informed sources said that on July 11, 2019, text messages will be sent to the refugees so as they can withdraw their allotted sums from Bemo banks in Syria.

Families categorized by UNRWA as extremely poor are slated to receive 24,000 Syrian Pounds per every single family member. The other families will get 16,000 SYP per every member.

The unabated warfare has had disastrous fallouts on Palestinian refugee camps across the Syrian territories. The refugees continue to launch cries for help over their exacerbated situation due to the price hike, high unemployment rates, steep rental fees, and the decline in civilians' purchasing power.

Meanwhile, AGPS documented the death of 35 Palestine refugees affiliated with Fatah AlIntifada group, as they fought alongside the Syrian government forces across the war-torn country.





The list includes gunmen who died in fierce shootouts with ISIS and AlNusra Front in Yarmouk Camp. Others were pronounced dead in Harasta and AlKabon, in Rif Dimashq, and in Deir AlZor, east of Syria.

Activists have held ISIS militias accountable for the abduction of dozens of wanted Palestinian refugees and turning them in to Syrian government forces over security allegations.

In the meantime, the Amal Club in Burj AlBarajneh refugee camp, in Beirut, paid tribute to two Palestinian brothers from Syria—Beshr Mazen Yousef and Aws Mazen Yousef—for their good conduct and the outstanding results they achieved during the school year.

The two children joined the karate club in Burj AlBarajneh refugee camp and are currently taking shelter in Shatila camp, south of Beirut. Their father gives them a daily lift to and back from the club on his bicycle.



The family fled the embattled Yarmouk Camp in Syria to Lebanon.

Nearly 28,000 Palestinians from Syria have sought refuge in Lebanon, where they have been enduring exacerbated living conditions and subjected to a precarious legal status.



The price leap, steep rental fees, expensive education charges, and lack of access to the local labor market, along with the absence of relief aids, have made life unbearable for the Palestinian refugees in Lebanon.