

# التقرير اليومي الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية

### Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria

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"Official Action To Rectify The Legal Status Of Palestinians From Syria In Turkey"



- Activists launch a campaign titled "Wedding of Martyrs" honouring Palestinians victims in Syria.
- A night shelling targets the besieged camp of Al-Yarmouk in Damascus.
- In Homs, one Palestinian arrested and two others released.
- The Syrian security released two brothers from Dara'a camp.

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#### **RECENT UPDATES**

The Palestinian embassy, Palestinian community and the Turkish Assembly for Solidarity with Palestine (Fidder) announced an official action to sort out the crisis of Palestinians from Syria and Iraq in Turkey. The procedure started by listing the names of Palestinians in Turkey to be provided to the Turkish government in order to settle their legal status.

The statement said: "the institutions will arrange its own measures to list all Palestinians using joint form with the Turkish side prepared for this purpose. The process of data collection will be based on the documents used to enter Turkey, no matter even if expired".

It is scheduled to start settling the status and granting the legal residences after the comprehensive census of Palestinians from Syria. It is expected to facilitate the integration into the local Turkish labour market and free movement across the country.

It is noteworthy that Turkish embassies still reject visas for Palestinians from Syria abroad.



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According to AGPS report published in last August, the statistics of Palestinians from Syria in Turkey are estimated at (6000-8000) spread over Istanbul and other provinces in the mid and south of Turkey.

In Syria, activists launched a social media campaign honouring the Palestinian victims who killed over the course of Syrian conflict. The campaign adopted the Arabic hash tag of #عرس الشهداء means (wedding of martyrs).



"The goal of the campaign is mitigating the grief and frustration of Palestinian families resulted from losing their beloved ones, who were targeted by both parties of the conflict", a campaigner explained. The organizers demanded; pictures of victims to be used as profile photos on twitter and facebook.

In a different context, Al-Yarmouk camp in Damascus has been targeted last night by Assad forces. Heavy shelling by missiles and mortars fired

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towards several areas in the camp resulted in damage of houses of civilians, and a state of panic and fear spread among locals, particularly women and children.

In Homs, "Amjad Sobhi Sarhan", a member of pro-Assad faction of PFLP-GC, was arrested in 28 January 2016. Sarhan had been arrested three times by Syrian security over the past two months. He is in his forties, originally descendant from Alshajara village in Palestine.

In the same context, "Maher Mostafa Mahmoud", was released by the Syrian security in 27 January 2016 after 7 days in jail. Mahmoud, in his forties, had been arrested in Al-Hamra neighbourhood while he was heading to receive the cash assistance of UNRWA from the bank. Another Palestinian, "Ayman Murad", was released in 21 January 2016 at the entrance of the camp of Homs after 7 days of arresting. Murad is in his thirties.

In Dara'a, two brothers have been released after long arrest in Adra'a Central prison of Damascus. "Yahya and Mohamed Saleem Al-Turaani", were released last morning in the Syrian capital.

It is worth mentioning that AGPS documented (1050) Palestinian detainees in the Syrian security prisons.

#### Palestinians of Syria in numbers and Statistics until 6 February 2016

• 15,500 Palestinian Syrian refugees in Jordan, 42,500 Palestinian Syrian refugees in Lebanon, and 6,000 refugees in Egypt, according to the UNRWA's statistics till July 2015.

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- More than 71,200 Palestinian Syrian refugees have arrived Europe until the end of December 2015.
- The Yarmouk Camp: still under siege imposed by the Syrian Regime's Army and PFLP-GC (Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine General Command), continued for 966 days respectively. In addition, power cuts continued for more than 1028 days, water cut for 516 days. The number of victims due to the siege has reached to 185 victims.
- Al Sbeina Camp: Syrian Regime's Army still preventing the residents from returning back to their houses for 822 days respectively.
- Handarat Camp: All of its residents have left the camp for 1015 days after the Syrian Opposition Groups controlled it.
- Dara'a Camp: Running water cut continues for 676 days, and 70% of its buildings were destroyed.
- Jarmana, AL-SaiedaZainab, Al-Raml, Al-Aedein Homs and AedeinHama: A relatively quiet situations in light of the economic crises.
- Khan Al Sheih Camp: Roads linking the camp to the city center are still closed except for Zakia-Khan EShieh road.