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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"Night clashes between the regime forces and ISIS in Yarmouk camp, Damascus"

- Amid the absence of aid, residents of Handarat camp rebuild their houses at their own expense
- Living crises suffered by the residents of Jarmana camp, in the suburbs of Damascus



## **Latest Developments**

Night clashes between the Syrian regime forces and the Palestinian factions affiliated to it, and ISIS and Al-Karaaen group, on the Palestine Road and the Martyrs sector, in Yarmouk camp, in the south of Damascus.

The continuous clashes and bombardments led to the damage and destruction of thousands of houses in Yarmouk camp. All of the camp's hospitals and clinics have stopped working, and a number of medical staff members have died during bombardments by planes and mortar shells.



In Aleppo, after the residents' of Handarat camp's demands to rebuild their houses that they were forced to flee failed, the residents who returned to the camp started re-building their affected and destructed houses in the camp.

Eye witnesses have noted that 90% of the buildings in Handarat camp are completely or partially destroyed, because of the clashes which broke out inside it and being targeted by the Syrian regime forces with rockets and explosive cylinders.



According to our correspondent, the families that returned tried to rebuild their houses at their own expense, despite the difficulty in guaranteeing the materials and transportation linking between the camp and Aleppo.

After a series of field visits by the Syrian Red Crescent and the Red Cross, 5 water tanks have been placed and distributed across the camp. In addition, the Charitable Association for Palestinian Relief, in cooperation with the Red Crescent, have started rebuilding Al-Jaleel School.

Handarat camp for Palestinian refugees in Aleppo, had witnessed the return of 150 families of its residents over the recent past. According to our reporter, the families who returned had given up to find themselves a shelter, especially after being forced out of the ninth unit of the university housing in Aleppo, and after losing hope for UNRWA's and the concerned parties' intervention to rehabilitate it.



The General Administration for Palestine Arab Refugees in Syria's statistics have revealed that the number of residents of Handarat camp is approximately 8000 Palestinian refugees.



On the other side, the residents of Jarmana camp are living in a state of relative stability, however, they are suffering from the lack of basic services and infrastructure services. Also, the residents are suffering from crises, the most prominent being the high rents of houses and the increased demand for them. The camp is home to tens of thousands of displaced people from the neighboring towns, which has forced its residents to live in suffocating conditions.

In addition, the percentage of unemployment is increasing at a time where the aid provided by charities and UNRWA has decreased, although the residents complain that it covers only a little of their living expenses.

Jarmana camp is not directly engaged with the ongoing events in Syria because of its close location to the areas controlled by the regime in the capital. However, it witnesses mortar attacks in its region, as it is near to the Damascus International Airport Road and the eastern Ghouta area.

## Palestinians of Syria: December 06, 2017 Statistics:

- The total number of victims documented by the Action Group is 3615, including 463 women
- 1643 Palestinians are locked up behind Syrian government's bars, 105 of which are women
- Yarmouk refugee camp is under the Syrian regime army and Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine's siege for 1,603 days in a row



- 204 refugees, mainly in Yarmouk Camp, have died due to lack of medical care and malnutrition
- Water supplies have been cut off Deraa Camp for 1340 days,
  and 1180 days in Yarmouk Camp
- Residents of Handarat Camp, in Aleppo have been banned from their homes for 1,676 days. Government troops have taken over the camp for more than 439 days.
- Approximately 85 thousand Palestinian-Syrian refugees fled to Europe by the end of 2016
- 31 thousand refugees are located in Lebanon
- 17 thousand refugees are sheltered in Jordan
- 6 thousand refugees are in Egypt
- 8 thousand refugees are staying in Turkey
- One thousand refugees are present in Gaza