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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"13 Palestinian-Syrians died during January 2018, while 9 died in the same month of 2017"

- Bombardment using mortar shells hits the Martyrs' sector in Yarmouk camp
- Palestinians of Syria in Egypt... continued legal, economic and living suffering
- Human Rights organizations criticize Sweden due to delays in reunions of families coming from Syria

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Latest Developments

AGPS's Monitoring and Documentation Team has announced that 13 Palestinian-Syrians died in January 2018, while 9 refugees died during the same month in 2017, amid the ongoing war in Syria.

The Action Group indicated that the 13 Palestinian-Syrian refugees who died in January 2018, were distributed across Syria as follows: 6 refugees died in the suburbs of Damascus, 3 died in unknown locations, one person in Deir ez-Zour, one person in Hama, a refugee in Idlib and one in Damascus.



While the Action Group added that the 9 victims of January 2017, died across the following Syrian cities: 3 refugees died in Deraa, 3 in the suburbs of Damascus, one in Idlib, another in Damascus, and the final victims died in an unknown location.

In another context, the Martyrs' sector in the axis of Yarmouk camp's Secondary School for Girls, located in Palestine Street, was bombarded with a number of mortar shells causing material damage. The bombardment came in conjunction with the break out of clashes described as violent, between ISIS and the Palestinian factions affiliated to the Syrian regime.



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Meanwhile, the remaining residents of Yarmouk camp are suffering from harsh humanitarian crises due to the siege imposed on the camp since 2013 by the Syrian regime and the Palestinian factions affiliated to it, who have prevented the entry of food supplies and medicine in to the camp, in addition to the continuous violations, described as inhumane, that carried out by ISIS towards the residents.



In the meantime, the Palestinian-Syrians in Egypt are complaining from the weak official representation. A number of refugees confirmed to AGPS the dereliction of the Palestinian Embassy in Cairo, the PLO and the international institutions in addressing their living and legal problems.

The problems of Palestinian-Syrians in Egypt are focused on the economic and legal aspects, where the Palestinian refugees face many obstacles while trying to obtain residency in Egypt, despite meeting the conditions required for residency.



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On the economic level, they are suffering because of UNRWA's total absence, under the pretext the Egypt lies outside the work areas of the Agency responsible for Palestinian refugees.

According to unofficial statistics, the number of Palestinian-Syrian refugees in Egypt is estimated at 6 thousand refugees.

In the same context, the Red Cross and the Amnesty International criticized the Swedish Foreign Ministry with regard to the length of waiting periods experienced by the Syrian families who have the right to reunite. The Swedish Foreign Ministry had allocated five Swedish embassies to address the requests for Syrian reunification; they are the Swedish Embassy in Egypt, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Turkey and Jordan. However, the problem is that these five countries do not grant visas to Syrians, making the reunions almost, if not impossible.

After press pressure, the Swedish Foreign Ministry decided to open the Swedish embassy in Khartoum, to address the requests for Syrian reunification, with waiting periods reaching about two years.

Sweden is one of the most time-consuming of the European countries regarding the necessary periods to study the applications for residency or family reunification for families coming from Syria.