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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"12 Palestinian Children from Syria Pronounced Dead during 1st Half of 2018"

- Debris Clearance Ongoing in AlSabina Camp
- UNRWA to Issue Statement regarding Return of Palestinians in Lebanon to Syria



Latest Developments

A statistical report issued by AGPS on August 2 documented the death of 12 Palestinian children from Syria during the first half of 2018 due to war related incidents.

The minor casualties died as a result of violent onslaughts launched by the Syrian government forces and opposition outfits. A number of children died due to medical neglect and the blockade imposed on Yarmouk Camp.

The report kept record of the death of 166 Palestinian refugees from Syria during the same period, 101 among them identified as civilians and 65 as militants.



Female victims made up 9.04% of the overall death toll, with 15 casualties, as opposed to 151 male victims.

109 Palestinians from Syria were pronounced dead in April, May, and June in 2018, up from 57 in the first quarter.



Meanwhile, municipal authorities in AlSabina Camp for Palestinian refugees, in Rif Dimashq, continue to remove rubble from the alleys and neighborhoods of the camp following appeals launched by the residents to clear debris and unblock access roads.



Over recent months, residents of AlSabina Camp kept railing against the mounds of debris piled up at the main entrances to the area and slammed local authorities for reneging on their promises to ease civilians' access to their homes and rehabilitate infrastructure.

Violent onslaughts launched on AlSabina Camp in 2013 led to the destruction of 80% of civilian buildings and facilities. On August 30, 2017 a number of residents were allowed to return to their homes. The government forces seized the camp on November 17, 2013.

In the meantime, director of UNRW's Protection Division Matteo Benatti promised to release a statement upon return to his office in Amman to clarify UNRWA's official position as regards the return of Palestinian refugees in Lebanon to Syria and the conditions to be faced by the returnees.



The promise was made during a meeting held a few days earlier between UNRWA's Protection Division staff members and representatives of the Association of Palestinians Displaced from Syria to Lebanon to discuss the refugees' reluctance to return to Syria and possible ways to cooperate with the UN High Commissioner for Refugees in order to boost protection for the Palestinians.

The Association of Displaced Palestinians called on the Protection Division to release an official statement over the risks and hardships that are likely to be faced by Palestinians seeking to return to Syria.

The association also called for serious efforts to urge the UNHCR to fulfill promises made a couple of years ago to hold meetings with UNRWA and the association so as to work out the protection and resettlement files.



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