

## التقرير اليومي الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية

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

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"Child among 5 Civilians Injured in Heavy Blitzes on

Khan Al-Shih Camp, Syrian Regime Denies Them Urgent

Treatment"



- ISIS militias grab hold of Palestine Hospital, transfer medical equipment to Al-Hajar Al-Aswad
- Resident of Khan Dannun Camp released after being incarcerated for months in Syrian lock-ups
- Germany recommends intercepting asylum seekers at Mediterranean Sea and sending them back to Africa
- Palestine Charity pays relief visit to Yarmouk displaced civilians sheltered in Yalda

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#### Latest Developments

Reporting from Damascus western outskirts, AGPS correspondent said five civilians, including a child, were left wounded in an onslaught by the Syrian regime forces on Khan Al-Shih Camp and its eastern and western environs using explosive barrels, missiles, artillery shells, and mortar fire.

The child has been in a very critical condition while another lady, sheltered in the camp, had her two legs amputated due to the offensive. The third victim sustained chest wounds.

AGPS reporter added that the Syrian regime militias prevented paramedics from evacuating the wounded civilians outside the camp for urgent treatment.

The Syrian forces further targeted civilian homes with heavy spates of machinegun fire unleashed from the self-propelled Shilka tanks.





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Three fighter aircrafts also slammed over 10 explosive barrels and a surface-to-surface missile on Khan Al-Shih area, at the same time as bloody hostilities flared up between the regime abettors and the opposition outfits across surrounding flashpoints.

Activists from Khan Al-Shih camp called on the civilians to stay indoors in the safest zones of the camp after reports emerged on an underway deadly escalation by the Syrian regime militias.

According to AGPS data, 192 refugees sheltered in Khan Al-Shih Camp were killed since the outburst of the Syrian warfare.

The situation has gone far worse due to the tough blockade slapped by the regime forces on the camp for over 39 days, leaving nearly 12,000 civilians, including 3,000 children, with neither food nor medicines. Civilians have also been grappling with frequent power and water blackouts after the camp had run out of fuel reserves.

Residents of Khan Al-Shih have frequently launched cries for help and appealed for urgent intervention by the international community, the Palestine Liberation Organization, and the UNRWA. However most of their cries have gone unheard, despite their commitment to neutrality and disarmament in the ongoing warfare.

AGPS field team quoted sources inside the camp as stating that a humanitarian crisis has been awaiting civilians and children around the corner due to the tough blockade and acute dearth in basic foodstuff and life-saving medicines.



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Meanwhile, AGPS on-the-spot observers said ISIS militias seized the Palestine Hospital in the blockaded Yarmouk Camp and transferred all medical equipment to the ISIS-led Al-Hajar Al-Aswad neighborhood, adjacent to the camp.

The move has bereaved the Yarmouk Camp of its only health center, leaving civilians with neither medicines nor first-aid kit.



Earlier, in September, ISIS gangs misappropriated the main power generator of the Al-Bassil Medical Complex, run by the Palestine Charity near Safad Street, in Yarmouk, and transferred it one of its sites in Al-Hajar Al-Aswad.

On June 23, 2016, ISIS militias snatched another electric generator from the Yarmouk Camp, where power has already been cut off by the Syrian regime for over three years.

Several relief institutions and medical teams suspended their services in Yarmouk Camp for fear of being kidnapped and killed by ISIS.



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In another development, the Palestinian refugee Hikmat Ismail, a resident of Khan Dannun Camp, in Damascus Suburbs, was released from the Syrian regime lock-ups, where he had been jailed for several months.

AGPS documented the incarceration of seven Palestinian residents of Khan Dannun Camp in Syrian jails.

#### **Germany**

Germany's Interior Ministry has hardened its refugee policy, with media quoting it as proposing intercepting migrant boats trying to reach Europe from across the Mediterranean and sending them back to Africa.



German Interior Minister Thomas de Maizière said he believed the European Union should intercept refugee vessels at sea and deport them to such North African countries as Tunisia so as to rein in the wave of mass exodus from conflict zones. Refugees could then apply for asylum



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in Europe from those camps and, if granted approval, be taken to Europe safely, according to the ministry, though it said the notion is merely a proposal so far.

If enacted, Germany's refugee policy could become as harsh as that of Australia, which allows virtually no asylum seekers to cross its borders and instead redirects them to a distribution camp on the Pacific island of Nauru.

The move sparked a backlash from Germany's opposition and asylumseeker advocates, who said that the Australian authorities are being too harsh in dealing with refugees.

Bernd Riexinger, head of the leftist opposition Die Linke party, branded the bid "a humanitarian scandal and a further step toward the elimination of the right to asylum."

"The asylum check must take place in Germany, because the right to asylum also means the right to legal resources, that is, to lawyers, counseling centers, etc. The handling of refugees in Australia is absolutely unacceptable, and Germany and the EU must not be guided by it," *Riexinger stressed*.

According to statistics by AGPS, at least 80,000 Palestinian refugees fleeing beleaguered Syria have reached Europe by sea. Thousands of other refugees, including toddlers and children, have died in attempting to do so.



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#### Civil Action Committees

The Palestine Charity Commission paid a visit to the Palestinian refugee families who have been displaced from the Yarmouk Camp and taking shelter in the nearby towns of Yalda, Beit Sahem, and Babilla. Cash aids were handed out by the commission staff members to the refugees. A medical delegate also checked up the health condition of the sick and wounded refugees and prescribed medicines.

Over recent months, the Palestine Charity Commission embarked on a series of relief projects aiming to assuage the tragic repercussions of the bloody warfare and the socio-economic crisis in the embattled Syrian territory.

#### Palestinians of Syria: November 07, 2016 Statistics:

- There are 15,500 Palestinian-Syrian refugees in Jordan.
- 42,500 Palestinian-Syrian refugees are in Lebanon.
- 6,000 Palestinian-Syrian refugees are sheltered in Egypt, according to UNRWA figures covering the period from July 2015 backwards.
- 8,000 Palestinian-Syrian refugees are taking shelter in Turkey.
- 1,000 Palestinian-Syrian refugees reside in the blockaded Gaza Strip.
- Over 79,000 Palestinian Syrian refugees fled to Europe until mid 2016.
- Yarmouk refugee camp has been blockaded by the Syrian regime army and Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine General



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Command (PFLP-GC) for 1,238 days in a row. Electricity and water supplies have been cut off, respectively, for 1,296 days and 758 days. The number of those killed due to the blockade has hit 190.

- Sbiena refugee camp: Refugees could not go back to their homes as a result of the blockade slapped by the Syrian regime forces since 1,091 days running.
- Handarat refugee camp: All refugees left the camp since 1,283 days after opposition outfits grabbed hold of the area.
- Deraa refugee camp: Water has been cut off for 941 consecutive days while 70% of its buildings have been knocked down.
- Homs camp, Hama camp, Jaramana camp, al-Sayda Zeinab camp, Al-Raml camp: A of State of relative calm has been reported in the abovementioned areas. However, economic crises have been on the rise.
- Khan al-Shih refugee camp: All access roads out of and into the camp have been closed off by the Syrian regime army for 39 days running.