

# التقرير اليومي الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية

Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria

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"On the International Women's Day: 444 Palestinian Women Killed In Syria Amid Complicated Plight Over The Past Five Years"



- The warplanes drop 23 explosive barrels on the farms around Khan Esheih camp.
- The Charity of Palestine distributes food packages to orphans and injuries in Yarmouk camp.
- Meeting held by Palestinian women refugees south Damascus.
- Cash assistance handed to Palestinian families from Syria in the Turkish city of Konia.

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#### INTERNATIONAL WOMAN DAY

Palestinian woman lives in a desperate and enormous suffering since the outbreak of the Syrian conflict; where women constitute 49% of the Palestinian community in Syria. AGPS has documented 444 Palestinian women were killed by shelling, snipers and torture inside the prisons; whereas 75 women detainees are still in enforced disappearance.

Palestinian women refugees were subjected to various of torture in the regime's prisons, where AGPS reported a testimony of a Palestinian detainee after she was released. "Torturing by electrocution, rape and beating by metal sticks" the testimony mentioned. She added that some women had been daily raped by officers and soldiers several times; some of them conceived and some aborted because of severe beating.



AGPS documented names of 34 Palestinian women refugees were tortured to death in the Syrian prisons. Some of the names identified by the leaked photos known as "Caesar Operation". Also, the displacing constituted one of the main problems faced Palestinian families particularly, women. Hundreds of families lost its breadwinner in the



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horrific bloody war, which put burdens on the woman's shoulder under extreme circumstances. In many cases, woman became the only responsible of securing basics of her family from food to the housing to other endless needs. In addition, the immigration has brought about clear effects in the demographic of the Palestinian communities where the highest price is paid by women.

The Committee of Palestinians from Syria indicated that among 42000 Palestinian refugees in Lebanon, there are 3360 families are maintained by women. AGPS has listed 33 Palestinian women died on their way to Europe as immigrants. The number divided to 9 were killed in Egypt, 10 in Libya, 6 in Turkey, 3 in Greece, 2 off the Italian coast and 1 in Malta. In Lebanon, it was documented one suicide where (R.A) jumped from the third floor in Lebanese city of Sidon in 4 February 2014.

It is worth noting that some traditions and customs in the Palestinian community, such as fearing of defamation, prevented families from reporting some accidents of missing or kidnapping girls. This makes the documented numbers are less than the actual ones.

#### RECENT UPDATES

The warplanes dropped 23 explosive barrels on the farms around Khan Eshieh camp and the other towns in the area. The explosions caused a state of panic amongst the locals particularly, children and women. In the meantime, AGPS reporter mentioned that the Russian warplanes intensively flew in the sky of the area, whereas activists regarded the bombing as a breach of the ceasefire by the Syrian regime. It is worth



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mentioning that all roads between Khan Esheih camp and Zakia are still closed; while AGPS documented 151 Palestinian victims from Khan Esheih camp since the beginning of the war.



#### **NGOs**

Charity of Palestine has distributed food packages to orphans and injuries in Yarmouk camp, who has a sponsorship card from the charity. In the meantime, the medical department in the charity continues dispensing free prescriptions to the displaced people from Yarmouk camp to neighbouring towns, where 1740 prescriptions were freely dispensed, some of them for Typhoid.

It is indicated that Charity of Palestine provides its services despite the closing of its offices inside Yarmouk camp.

In a different context, Jafra Charity held a meeting titled "Greeting To Woman In Her International Day" attended by many of Palestinian refugee women in south Damascus. The meeting discussed the role and suffering of woman over few past years, since the start of the Syrian war, while a film explains the woman's role in the society was screened in the



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meeting. At the end of the meeting, the attendees emphasised the importance of the meeting; demanding to be held regularly. Giving the Palestinian scarf (Kuffiyeh) to attendees' women, the meeting was ended.

In Turkey, the Committee of Palestinians of Syria in Turkey provided cash assistance to 19 Palestinian families living in Konia in mid of Turkey; and 15 families were counted to be in the committee program in Kayseri. In addition, the committee has supplied IHH and "ayder" assembly by the list of families who are in need to be considered in any upcoming charitable programs.

According to AGPS Semi-annual report of the first half of 2015, the Palestinian refugees from Syria in Turkey are unofficially about 6-8 thousand; live in Istanbul, Ankara, mid and south Turkey.



### Palestinians of Syria in numbers and statistics Until 9 march 2016

- 15,000 Palestinian Syrian refugees in Jordan,
- 6,000 refugees in Egypt, according to the UNRWA's statistics till July 2015.
- More than 71,200 Palestinian Syrian refugees have arrived Europe until the end of December 2015.

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- 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 998 days respectively. In addition, power cuts continued for more than 1051 days, water cut for 548 days. The number of victims due to the siege has reached to 186 victims.
- Al Sheina Camp: Syrian Regime's Army still preventing the residents from returning back to their houses for 854 days respectively.
- Handarat Camp: All of its residents have left the camp for 1046 days after the Syrian Opposition Groups controlled it.
- Dara'a Camp: Running water cut continues for 708 days, and 70% of its buildings were destroyed.
- Jarmana, AL-SaiedaZainab, Al-Raml, Al-Aedein Homs and Al-AedeinHama: A relatively quiet situation 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.