

# التقرير اليومي الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية

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

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"Panic Among Al-Yarmouk Residents During Clashes Between
ISIS and Al-Nusra"



- A Palestinian refugee killed while fighting alongside the regime in Aleppo.
- Clashes around Handarat camp in Aleppo.
- Families trapped at the Turkish borders appeal to let them in.

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#### **VICTIMS**

The Palestinian youth "Ahmad Abu Khashaba" has been killed in clashes around Handarat Camp in Aleppo. Abu Khashaba was fighting alongside the regime's army in a battle to restore the camp from opposition's forces.



#### **RECENT UPDATES**

Civilians in the Al-Yarmouk are enduring panic and anxiety as the clashes between ISIS and Al-Nusra front continue.

Many civilians were injured yesterday, a child wounded in his leg while heading to school. Sources reported a serious injury to "Abu Ali Al-Saiedi"; one of the Al-Nusra leaders, and unconfirmed news talked about his death.





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Eyewitnesses from inside the camp said the streets have been turned into military sectors and fighting fields, curtains raised to blind the snipers, sounds of guns and sniper shots heard everywhere. Members of ISIS called by mosques' speakers for Al-Nusra fighters to surrender.

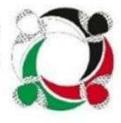
These developments come while the regime and its affiliated groups are still besieging the camp for 1028 days, cutting off the electricity for 1089 days and water for 578 days.

To Aleppo, where the surrounding areas of Handarat camp have witnessed violent clashes between the regime's and opposition's forces as the former is still trying to restore control over the camp.

Handarat camp is still empty of its inhabitants who were forced to leave their houses following a battle ended up by the opposition's control over the camp, 1076 days ago.



Since then, the opposition did not allow the residents to go back to their houses, in turn, the camp was exposed to frequent bombing by explosive barrels dropped from regime's warplanes which destroyed around 80% of the camp's properties.



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In Turkey, number of the Palestinian families trapped at the Turkish-Syrian borders appealed, through the AGPS, to help them enter Turkey peacefully.

The families addressed the Palestinian Embassy in Ankara and the United Nations' High Commission for refugees to intervene with the Turkish authorities since they cannot return back to their camps and pass the regime's checkpoints, which persecute and arrest everyone travelled to Turkey for 'treason'.



Activists confirmed that the regime's troops had arrested tens of Palestinians returning from or travelling to opposition's regions, except those who pay bribes and loyalties to the smuggling gangs dealing with the regime's checkpoints.

All the above mentioned reasons pushed the Palestinian families to prefer waiting in front of the closed borders than to risk their lives and return back to the camps.

According to eyewitnesses; the families are crowded at the smugglers' house, paying for everything from their remaining money which they



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collected and dedicated for the transportation. They have tried and failed to cross the borders more than once as the Turkish border guards are at high alert.

Given the current circumstances, the PRS families demand for a safe passage to arrive to Turkey where they can find secure place to live.

#### Palestinians from Syria in numbers and statistics Until 8 April 2016

- 15,000 Palestinian refugee from Syria in Jordan,
- 6,000 Palestinian refugees from Syria in Egypt, according to the UNRWA's statistics of July 2015.
- More than 71,200 Palestinian refugee from Syria arrived Europe by the end of December 2015.
- Al-Yarmouk Camp: still under the siege imposed by Syrian Regime's Army and the PFLP-GC (Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine General Command for 1028 days. Power cut for 1089 days, water cut for 578 days. The number of victims resulting from the siege is 186.
- Al-Sbeina Camp: Syrian Regime's Army still preventing the residents from returning to their houses for 884 days.
- Handarat Camp: All of its residents have left the camp for 1076 days after the Syrian Opposition Groups controlled it.
- Dara'a Camp: water cut continues for 737 days. 70% of its buildings are destroyed.



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- Jarmana, AL-Saieda Zainab, Al-Raml, Al-Aedein Homs and Al-Aedein camp of Hama: A relatively quiet situation with economic crises.
- Khan Eshieh Camp: All roads linking the camp to the city are still closed back and forth except for Zakia-Khan Eshieh road.