

التقرير اليومي الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية

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"Khan Al-Shih Camp Blockaded for 40 Consecutive Days; UNRWA and PLO Apathetic"



- Ahmad Miaari, resident of Al-Neirab Camp, goes missing; Activists believe he was kidnapped by Syrian regime forces
- 24 Palestinian-Syrian refugees killed in October 2016; 26 killed in October 2015
- 22 Palestinians arrested during third quarter of 2016

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Latest Developments

Khan Al-Shih Camp, sheltering over 12,000 civilians, including 3,000 children, has been blockaded for 40 days in a row. As a result, refugees have run out of basic food items and relief kit.

The situation is exacerbated even further by a round of military offensives rocking the camp for over a month's time via machinegun fire, explosive barrels, mortar fire, artillery shelling, missiles, and cluster bombs, among other internationally prohibited weapons. Dozens of refugees were killed and several others have been left wounded in the unbroken onslaughts on the camp.



AGPS on-the-spot correspondents quoted local activists as slamming the silence maintained by the UNRWA, the Palestinian Embassy in Damascus, and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) over the tragedy endured by civilians in the camp.

Residents of Khan Al-Shih have frequently sounded distress signals while they simultaneously stressed the arm-free nature of the camp, refuting statements released earlier by member of the PLO Executive Committee Ahmad Majdalani on the presence of gunmen in the camp.



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The refugees called on the concerned parties to urgently step in and seriously work on halting the aggressions on the camp and lifting the blockade before it is too late.

The locals voiced deep concern over a projected recurrence of a Yarmouk scenario, which took away the lives of dozens of civilians and left several others without a roof over their heads.



In another development, the Palestinian refugee Ahmad Miaari, a resident of Al-Neirab Camp in Aleppo, has gone missing for a couple of days in Damascus while on his way to visit his friend in Tishreen Military Hospital.





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Activists said they believed Miaari, a member of the Quds Brigades, was most probably kidnapped by the Syrian regime troops.

297 Palestinian refugees have gone missing since the outburst of bloody warfare in Syria, according to AGPS data.

At the same time, AGPS kept record of the death of 24 Palestinian-Syrians during October 2016 down from 26 in October 2015 due to the unabated hostilities. According to AGPS statistics for October 2016, Damascus Suburbs topped the list with 13 refugees, followed by four in Aleppo, two in Damascus, two in Deraa, and another in Beirut. Two more refugees died in unknown locations.

As for the October 2015 statistics, Damascus rural and urban areas topped the list with eight casualties each. AGPS also kept record of the death of one refugee in Syria's southern province of Quneitra and nine others in unknown areas.

AGPS further documented the abduction and incarceration of 22 Palestinian refugees by the Syrian regime militias during the third quarter of 2016, eight among whom were released within a period of two months. 13 other refugees detained in earlier occasions were also released in the same period while 14 captives have had unknown fates. According to AGPS documentation team at least 1,118 Palestinian refugees are currently locked up in Syrian regime penitentiaries. The exact number of detainees and victims of torture is believed to be higher than the previously estimated figures due to under-documentation and retaliation concerns.



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AGPS has frequently appealed to the Syrian regime to release and disclose the fate of hundreds of Palestinian refugees held in unknown lock-ups across the beset Syrian territories.

AGPS staff members believe the psycho-physical torture perpetrated against the Palestinians behind regime prison bars amounts to a war crime by all standards.

Palestinians of Syria: November 08, 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 Command (PFLP-GC) for 1,239 days in a row. Electricity and water supplies have been cut off, respectively, for 1,298 days and 759 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 1,092 days running.



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- Handarat refugee camp: All refugees left the camp since 1,284 days after opposition outfits grabbed hold of the area.
- Deraa refugee camp: Water has been cut off for 942 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 40 days running.