

## التقرير اليومي الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية

Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria

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"Residents of Khan AlSheih Appeal for Safe Access to Their Homes"



- Palestinian Refugee Killed in Pro-Government Battles in Aleppo
- Dozens of Palestinian Families from Syria in Gaza Enduring Abject Poverty
- Palestine Charity Distributes Aids in Rif Dimashq, Deraa

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#### **Victims**

Palestinian resident of Aleppo-based Handarat Camp Ahmad Abdullah Othman, from AlQuds Brigade, died as he fought alongside the government troops in AlRashideen, west of Aleppo.

Around 500 fighters, out of a total of 3,500 conscripts enlisted at the non-Palestinian Liwa AlQuds Brigade, have been identified as Palestinian refugees.



### Latest Developments

The Committee of Khan AlSheih Residents in Rif Dimashq on Wednesday met with the secretariat of the Palestinian Resistance Coalition over the situation in Khan AlSheih Camp.

The Committee of Khan AlSheih Residents sounded the alarm over the tragic situation endured by civilians who were displaced from the camp. It further denounced the crackdowns ad intensive searches carried out at military checkpoints pitched on the main access roads to the shelter.

The committee called for securing civilians' safe access out of and into the camp and for restoring free movement in the area. The committee stressed the arm-free nature of the camp.

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The meeting culminated in pledges by the secretariat of the Palestinian Resistance Coalition to reach out to the concerned parties so as to work out the crisis.



In another development, a study by the Palestinian Ministry of Social Affairs showed that more than 59% of families who returned to the blockaded Gaza Strip from such war-torn zones as Syria, Libya, and Yemen are living under extreme poverty.

52% of those families can barely manage to secure their livelihood for two months due to the lack of financial resources.

The report further revealed that 122 families suffer from prolonged crying spells and that the members of 119 families feel extremely depressed.

Etimad AlTarshawi, the general director of development and planning at the Social Affairs Ministry, said during a press conference held at the Information Ministry in Gaza on Monday that 50% of families are jobless and 75% do not have homes to take shelter in.

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Survival for 66% of Gaza families largely hinges on aid. For 4.5% of families, women are the sole bread-winners.

AlTarshawi called on the Palestinian government and its institutions to take up their responsibilities and urgently work on providing those families with shelters and permanent employment opportunities for at least one family member.

The official further urged UNRWA to increase its cash and food aid for jobless families.

AlTarshawi also pushed for granting Gaza refugees identity cards and health insurance, along with free university enrollment fees.

She further spoke up for the right of families who do not hold identity documents to family reunification, calling on all governmental and non-governmental parties to combine forces to those very ends.

Sources from the Refugee Follow-Up Committee told AGPS that the number of Palestinian families from Syria who returned to Gaza is estimated at 176 families, down from 360 in 2013, after dozens of families fled to Europe via Libya and Egypt in the hunt for safer shelters.



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#### Civil Action Commissions

The Palestine Charity Commission handed out winter clothes and gifts to AlDimashqiya kindergarteners, in Yalda, south of Damascus province.

The move, which makes part of the "Winter Dress 2" campaign, seemed to have sparked a gleam of hope among children who have gone traumatized by daily images of war and destruction.

Palestinian and Syrian families in southern Damascus have frequently launched cries for help over the acute food dearth and high unemployment rates, making living conditions in the area just unbearable.

The commission further distributed 300 bread bundles to families displaced from Jilin and its environs in AlMuzeireeb town, south of Syria.

The charity further secured water supplies to 50 displaced families and handed over 70 blankets to southern Syria families.

Dozens of Palestinian and Syrian families fled Jilin for fear of being killed in the massacres perpetrated by ISIS mobs in the area.

### Palestinians of Syria: March 9, 2017 Statistics:

- At least 3,456 Palestinians, including 455 women, were killed in war-torn Syria.
- 1,173 Palestinian refugees, including 83 women, are incarcerated in Syrian government lock-ups.

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- Yarmouk refugee camp has been blockaded by the Syrian regime army and Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine General Command (PFLP-GC) for 1,357 days in a row.
- 190 Palestinians died of undernourishment and medical neglect in the blockaded Yarmouk Camp.
- Water supplies cut off in Deraa and Yarmouk camps respectively for 1,062 and 870 days.
- Residents of Handarat Camp, in Aleppo, denied access to their homes for 1,406 days. Government battalions have been holding sway over the camp for more than 140 days.
- Government troops ban residents of AlSbiena Camp from returning to their homes for 1,211 days running.
- Over 79,000 Palestinian Syrian refugees fled to Europe until mid 2016.
- 31,000 Palestinians from Syria are housed in Lebanon.
- 17 Palestinians from Syria are taking refuge in Jordan.
- 6,000 Palestinian-Syrian refugees are sheltered in Egypt.
- 8,000 Palestinian-Syrian refugees are taking shelter in Turkey.
- 1,000 Palestinian-Syrian refugees are sheltered in the blockaded Gaza Strip.