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Latest Developments

ISIS militias in Yarmouk smashed on Sunday the headstones of a number of tombs in the Old Cemetery of AlMaghareba neighborhood under the religious pretext.

The cemetery, a home to dozens of bodies of Palestinian leaders slain by the Israeli occupation army, had come under heavy shelling by the regime army and its Palestinian partners.

Speaking with AGPS, activists said the mass desecration makes part of underway attempts to wipe out the traces of Palestinian existence in the camp.



Sometime earlier, ISIS mobs disfigured the pictures of former Palestinian President Yasser Arafat in Yarmouk Camp. Several Palestinian relief institutions fled the camp after ISIS expropriated and destroyed all of their equipment.



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Meanwhile, AGPS field correspondent quoted a number of Palestinians from Handarat Camp in Aleppo as stating that remnants of internationally prohibited cluster grenades, discharged by Russian and Syrian fighter jets, have been spotted in the camp.

Activists notified civilians to keep at bay from suspicious objects for fear of unexpected blasts, holding the Syrian government accountable for the fallouts of such explosive remnants.

During the raging warfare, Palestinian refugee camps have come under heavy shelling using such internationally forbidden weapons as napalm bombs and cluster grenades. Hundreds of refugees have been pronounced dead and thousands wounded in the onslaughts.



In a related development, Palestinian refugees in Deraa, AlMuzeireeb, Jilin, and Tel Shehab, south of Syria, have sounded distress signals over the tragic health situation due to the unabated onslaughts rocking the area.



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The area has also been devoid of clinics and hospitals, except for a handful of under-equipped emergency centers. The situation has gone downhill due to UNRWA cuts of its relief services.

Activists attributed the health crisis to the tough cordons imposed by the Syrian government forces on the main access roads out of and into the area, along with the lack of access to life-saving medicines and UNRWA's dragging of its feet vis-à-vis the appeals frequently launched by the Palestinian refugee community in southern Syria.

In the meantime, the Palestine Charity Commission in southern Damascus has maximized its relief services to the Palestinian refugees displaced from Yarmouk and sheltered in the adjacent towns of Yalda, Beit Sahem, and Babila.



The charity has been striving to secure water for the displaced Palestinian refugees on a daily basis. Efforts have also been underway by the charity to provide civilians with drinking water from AlFija spring through a newly established water unit.



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Last month, the commission handed over 1,865 water barrels to some 400 families. 300 families also received water supplies through AlFija water unit during March. Orphans, wounded and disabled refugees, and elderly residents benefited from the move.

In another development, a report issued by AGPS and the Palestinian Return Center (PRC) for the second half of 2016 cited cases of success stories achieved by Palestinian refugees from Syria overseas.

Palestinian refugee from Syria Assem Hussam AlDin Taleb won the top prize at a Karate championship in Sweden and a gold medal, the fourth of its kind, at the competition. Palestinian-Syrian child Aws Montassar Tershehani, from AlNeirab Camp, won the first prize in a regional chess championship held in Sweden.

At the same time, 26-year-old Ruba Shamout started a promising academic career in Sweden, as a pharmacy enrollee. Palestinian refugee Musab AlMawed established a provisional school to teach languages, mathematics, and IT, among other subjects, to young learners and adults in the Greek refugee camp of Katsikas.

Palestinians of Syria: April 9, 2017 Statistics:

- At least 3,476 Palestinians, including 455 women, were killed in war-torn Syria.
- 1,183 Palestinian refugees, including 86 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 1,361 days in a row.
- 195 Palestinians died of undernourishment and medical neglect in the blockaded Yarmouk Camp.
- Water supplies cut off in Deraa and Yarmouk camps respectively for 1,092 and 943 days.
- Residents of Handarat Camp, in Aleppo, denied access to their homes for 1,436 days. Government battalions have been holding sway over the camp for more than 170 days.
- Nearly 85,000 Palestinian Syrian refugees fled to Europe until mid 2016.
- 31,000 Palestinians from Syria are housed in Lebanon.
- 17,000 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.