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"Displacements exacerbate the suffering of the Palestinian-Syrian children with special needs"

- Extreme lack of medical services and water and electricity cuts in Deraa camp
- The lawyer of the Palestinian-Syrian who broke the restaurant in Amsterdam confirms that his action was targeting the Israeli government, not the Jews

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Latest Developments

The fatigue and displacement have increased the suffering of the Palestinian-Syrian children. They have led to the deterioration of the conditions of those with a health disability in particular. The Palestinian-Syrian and Syrian children in the diaspora countries are the most affected by the ongoing events in Syria, which have increased the suffering of the majority of them who have lost their parents, in addition to the physical injuries they carried on their journey of asylum.



The story of “Jawad Al-Abweeny” is an example of the painful, similar stories about the Palestinian-Syrian and Syrian children, who have suffered disabilities and injuries as a result of the war in Syria and the bombardment of civilians. The 7-year-old Al-Abweeny’s condition began to deteriorate with the beginning of the events in Yarmouk camp. The child was injured as a result of the inhalation of gases that were thrown on Al-Hajar Al-Aswad. His condition developed as a result of the lack of medicine, health care and hunger due to the siege on Yarmouk. The boy was diagnosed with cerebral palsy, before undergoing a surgical operation in Syria and suffered a severe hemorrhage.



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Jawad's mother says that her son's condition deteriorated, which is why she was forced to leave to Lebanon, in the Ain Al-Helwa camp. She started her journey of suffering to find medicine for him, however she was always subjected to her family's lack of financial resources, as well as the non-cooperation of charities and medical centers with them. His mother added that her despair pushed her to risk her life and the life of her child on the death boats to reach Greece, with hope to continue their journey to Europe, so that her child can be treated.

7-year-old "Ahmed Mofeed Khaled" - a member of a Palestinian family displaced from Sabinah camp in Syria to Al-Rashedeya camp in Lebanon - suffers from a full cerebral palsy since his birth, imposing an additional economic burden on his family. He has been prescribed to special food and medical needs, including permanent tests, medicines and diapers, which cost almost \$200 dollars on a monthly basis. The displaced family could not provide the sum to their son, due to the deterioration of their economic situation and the lack of a stable source of income for them.

The boy's father told the Action Group that: "A number of relief societies, civil work organizations, medical centers and hospitals in Lebanon, gave him financial and medical aid for his son at first, before abandoning him under the pretext of the lack of funds to cover his health condition.

UNRWA's Commissioner-General, Pierre Krähenbühl, had written an article titled, "Aya should not be neglected," about the 7-year-old, Palestinian-Syrian girl after she learned to walk following



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undergoing a number of operations, as a result of being attacked by mortars that led to the mutilation of her leg, which required amputation. He highlighted the special needs and ticked the alarm, because of the difficulties they face amid the ongoing war in Syria. This situation however, and UNRWA's assistance remain an individual case. There are many children with special needs who are neglected and forgotten about, and cannot find themselves someone to care about them and provide them with the required health care.

In the context, the Action Group's correspondent tried to get statistics on the number of Palestinian-Syrian, disabled children in Lebanon, who got injured during the ongoing war in Syria causing them permanent disabilities, however did not find any interest given to those cases. When he asked one of the doctors in the center, he replied that the enumeration of those cases is not their specialty and that they treat children individually and according to the hospital system.

According to UNRWA's publication, a large number of the forcibly displaced, disabled children all over the world, are suffering from the negligence and disregard within their displaced communities. UNRWA also states that they are particularly vulnerable to physical, sexual and emotional abuse, and additional protection may be required. People with disabilities often suffer from social isolation and face the risk of being abandoned by others during fleeing.

In a similar context, hundreds of Palestinian families from Deraa camp for Palestinian refugees in south Syria, are suffering from an extreme lack of medical services. There are no medical



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points inside the camp, as well as UNRWA's closure of its clinic for several years, under the pretext of the tensioned security situation in the region, exacerbating the suffering of the people.

Thus, depriving the residents of access to any medical service, including ambulatory services and the basic medical services such as follow-ups.

The water has been cut from the camp's houses for 1343 consecutive days, in conjunction with the electricity outage from the houses, compounding the difficulties of securing water through the artesian wells.

This comes in light of the security tension witnessed by the camp and surrounding neighborhoods, because of ISIS's attacks on a number of the neighboring areas, and the intermittent shelling of the camp by the regime forces using mortars and machine weapons.

In another context, the young man's lawyer, William van Fleet, said that the Palestinian who broke the glass of the restaurant carrying the Israeli flag in Amsterdam two days ago, said that: "What the young man did was a desperate act as a result of the deteriorating situation in Palestine." He added that that the man does not hold hostile feelings towards the "semitic," and that his action was targeting the Israeli government, not the Jews.

Dutch media sources spoke of a 29-year-old Palestinian man who attacked the "Hacarmel" restaurant in the Dutch capital, Amsterdam on Thursday 07-12-2017, in rejection of the recognition of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel.



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Channel AT5 in the Netherlands broadcasted a video of a boy carrying the Palestinian flag and a pole in his hand, which he used to break the front of the restaurant, before the police arrested him.

Palestinians of Syria: December 09, 2017 Statistics:

- The total number of victims documented by the Action Group is 3615, including 463 women
- 1643 Palestinians are locked up behind Syrian government's bars, 105 of which are women
- Yarmouk refugee camp is under the Syrian regime army and Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine's siege for 1,606 days in a row
- 204 refugees, mainly in Yarmouk Camp, have died due to lack of medical care and malnutrition
- Water supplies have been cut off Deraa Camp for 1343 days, and 1183 days in Yarmouk Camp
- Residents of Handarat Camp, in Aleppo have been banned from their homes for 1,679 days. Government troops have taken over the camp for more than 442 days.
- Approximately 85 thousand Palestinian-Syrian refugees fled to Europe by the end of 2016
- 31 thousand refugees are located in Lebanon
- 17 thousand refugees are sheltered in Jordan
- 6 thousand refugees are in Egypt
- 8 thousand refugees are staying in Turkey



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- One thousand refugees are present in Gaza