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"Displaced Families in Handarat Camp for Palestine Refugees Continue to Appeal for Reconstruction"

- UNRWA Committee Tasked with Assessing Damage at Yarmouk School
- 5 Members of Liwaa AlQuds Killed in Syrian Desert
- Palestinian Poet Adnan AlDerbi Honored at Aleppo Event



Latest Developments

Activists and civilians sheltered in Handarat Camp, in Aleppo, have been appealing to all concerned parties to work on reconstructing civilian homes and facilities that have been reduced to rubble all the way through Syria's eight-year conflict.

Left without roofs over their heads, a number of families have been striving to reconstruct the destroyed walls of their homes in order to provide their homeless children with safer shelters.

Palestinian refugees have also been grappling with dire conditions due to the lack of humanitarian assistance and life-saving services. The majority of families have been taking shelter in buildings rented at extremely steep costs in the poverty-stricken area. A severe water and power crisis also continues to rock the camp.



Heavy shelling on Handarat and bloody shootouts between the government forces and the opposition outfits led to the destruction of over 90% of buildings in the camp. The confrontations culminated in the government's takeover of the camp along with other zones in Aleppo and the displacement of its residents on April 27, 2013.



Handarat Camp (also called Ein AlTel Camp) is located to the northeast of Aleppo's Hill, overseeing the Turkey-bound traffic lanes. It stands on a rocky hill and is situated some 13 kilometers away from the city center.

According to data by the General Commission of Arab Palestinian Refugees in Syria, some 8,000 Palestinian refugees used to take shelter in Handarat Camp. Only 200 displaced families returned to the camp following the heavy onslaughts launched by the Syrian government battalions.

Along the same line, UNRWA's Director of Programs - Syria Field Office, Amanya Michael Ebye said a UNRWA committee is about to see the day in order to assess the damage wrought on AlTabgha School, in Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian refugees, in Damascus, pending its reconstruction.

Yarmouk's education chief Walid AlKurdi quoted the Director-General of Palestinian Arab Refugees, Ali Mustafa, as calling for urgently rehabilitating the school and securing means of transport to students pending the finalization of reconstruction works.





Recently, Palestinian children taking shelter in Yarmouk Camp have appealed to UNRWA and the General Authority for Palestinian Refugees to work on reconstructing their destroyed schools so as to enable them to pursue their studies.

Parents have also called for opening up the local school, recruiting qualified teaching staff, and securing transportation means back to and from the camp.

Available data by UNRWA indicates that 32 UNRWA facilities have been reduced to rubble in Yarmouk Camp, including 16 schools.

Several UNRWA facilities were destroyed in the Syrian warfare and others have gone out of operation, including two clinics, a vocational training center, a youth development center, and 28 schools, out of 112 UNRWA schools in Syria.

In another development, five gunmen from Liwaa AlQuds brigade, affiliated with the Syrian government, were killed in the Syrian Desert following clashes with ISIS militias.

Liwaa AlQuds said the shootouts flared up in Hamima area, west of AlRasafa.

The five victims have been identified as Ubaid Abdul Razaq AlUbaid, Ayman Ibrahim AlMohamed, Husain Husain Othman, Hamza Mohamed AlMustafa AlFaour, and Mohamed Ibrahim AlKasem.

Nearly 7,000 gunmen are enlisted at Liwaa AlQuds brigade, among them 800 Palestinian refugees taking shelter in refugee camps across the Syrian territories.



AGPS kept record of the death of 90 Palestinian refugees as they fought alongside Liwaa AlQuds forces since 2013.

In the meantime, a celebration held as part of Aleppo the 2019 Capital of Culture event paid tribute to the Palestinian poet and critic Adnan AlDerbi, living in Syria, along with other artists in Aleppo.

Born in 1945 and raised in Syria's Handarat Camp for Palestinian refugees, in Aleppo, AlDerbi received several honorary awards for his outstanding literary output.

Dozens of displaced Palestinian refugees have achieved success stories in the scientific, literary, and socio-cultural fields, despite of the traumatic upshots wrought by daily scenes of bloodshed and destruction across the embattled Syrian territories.

