

## التقرير اليومي الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية

### Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria

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"Raids Target Khan Al Shieh Camp Leaving 8 Injuries among
Civilians"



- A Gang in Sehnaya Town in Damascus Suburb Kills a Palestinian Refugee for 100\$
- News about Withdrawal of Nusra from the Besieged Yarmouk Camp
- Palestinians of Syria: Rents of Houses Reach tp 150\$ in Syria and 400 \$ per Month in Turkey and Lebanon

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#### **Victims**

The refugee, Mohammed Kheir Abu Hamda 'Abu Rami,' from the Yarmouk camp in Damascus, died due to a number of stabs by a gang of three people in Sehnaya town in Damascus. According to the residents, two people of the gang were captured including a woman, and they confessed their crime of killing the refugee and stolen 50,000 SYP, equivalent to 100\$.



#### Recent Updates

The Russian warplanes implemented four raids that targeted the outskirts and the center of Khan Al Shieh camp in the western suburb of Damascus, which resulted in a number of injuries.

According to our correspondent, warplanes targeted the outskirts of the camp with two raids and the center of the camp with two other raids that targeted the old market area behind Alshameyat restaurant. The shelling resulted in 8 injuries, 4 of them are from the same family.

The camp was previously targeted with a number of raids and artillery shells that resulted in dozens of victims and injuries, including women and children.

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The AGPS documented 177 victims from Khan Al Shieh camp, including women and children, who died since the beginning of war events in Syria.

In the south of the capital Damascus, news from the besieged Yarmouk camp reported that a military source of Nusra confirmed that the negotiation process with the Syrian Regime, regarding the withdrawal of Nusra from the camp, is in its final phases.

The resource added that, during the past two days, Nusra delivered the names of its members who are wishing to withdraw from Yarmouk, and it prepared the injuries, including the serious injuries, to be evacuated. Details of withdrawal, the way of leaving, and the road that they will go through towards Idlib city are still unknown.



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It is worth mentioning that the negotiations conducted by the Syrian regime with Nusra is not the first one, where negotiations conducted previously between the regime and ISIS sponsored by the UN, as it was scheduled to withdraw its members from the south of Damascus toward Al Riqqa, stronghold of ISIS, but the negotiations failed.

On the other hand, news from the Yarmouk refugee camp confirmed that ISIS released the wife of a leader of "Aknaf Bait Almaqdes" after being arrested in front of a checkpoint. The wife was released after "Aknaf Bait Almaqdes" released two women from ISIS, who were arrested in response to ISIS arrest of the leader's wife.

During the past three months, ISIS launched violent attacks against Nusra, which led to the decline of Nusra strongholds, while its fighters withdraw from Ja'una area that is located in the north-east of the camp toward Rijh Square, about 15 days ago.

The regular army, the GC groups, and the pro-regime Palestinian groups continue to besiege the Yarmouk camp for more than 1120 consecutive days. Power is cut for more than 1181 days and water is cut for 670 days respectively, which impacted negatively on residents. Food and medical materials are prevented to enter the camp, as well as residents are prevented form enter or exit the camp through the main entrances that are controlled by Syrian security and pro-regime Palestinian groups.

Besides the suffering of the Palestinian refugees, in addition to the continuous displacement for more than 4 years, many obstacles faced by the refugees, especially with regards to the economic and living conditions. Statistics indicate that more than two third of the Palestinian

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refugees were displaced from their houses due to shelling and ongoing clashes, such as in Hadnarat camp in Aleppo. Some other refugees were displaced due to strict siege imposed on their camp such as the Yarmouk camp in Damascus, or due to evacuation and besieging of camps such as Sbeina camp in Damascus suburb.

Thousands of refugees were forced to flee their camps and resort either to nearby towns and areas or to migrate to the outside Syria. Most displaced people, except who arrived to Europe, are suffering of the economic problems, which are concentrated on the high rents of houses.

Rents of houses in some places in Damascus and its suburb may reach approximately (\$ 150) a month, while the monthly income of the employee does not exceed \$ 100 at best.

Rents of homes in Lebanon and Turkey may reach to around (\$ 400), where such amounts constitute a very heavy burden of the refugees, who mostly lost their business or job because of the war, in addition to the long period of time that forced the refugees to spend all money they saved previously.

"Sigrid Kaag," Special Coordinator for the United Nations in Lebanon, expressed concern about the difficult living conditions of the Palestinian Syrian refugees in Lebanon as a result of the ongoing civil war in Syria. Kaag also stressed, during a press conference held on Friday July 8, 2016 in New York that 17% of those refugees are now living below the poverty line.

Around 42,500 displaced Palestinians of Syria are living in Lebanon under tragic living conditions because the high cost of living and

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widespread of unemployment, after they were prevented from working due to reasons relating to access to the residence, and the settlement of their legal status in Lebanon. UNRWA paid \$ 100 intermittently as shelter allowances for displaced Palestinian Syrian families under the pretext of lack of funding, rather than the failure of donor countries to provide aid. UNRWA also reduced the amount of food aid from 45,000 Lebanese pounds to 40,000LP.



#### Palestinians of Syria; Numbers and Statistics till 11\07\2016:

- 15500 Palestinian Syrian refugees are in Jordan
- 42.500 Palestinian Syrian refugees are in Lebanon
- 6000 Palestinian Syrian refugees are in Egypt, according to the UNRWA statistics till July 2015
- 8000 Palestinian Syrian refugees are in Turkey
- 1000 Palestinian Syrian refugees are in Gaza
- More than 71.2 thousand Palestinian Syrian refugees have reached Europe till the End of December 2015

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- The Yarmouk Camp: siege, imposed by the Regular Army and PFGC groups, continued for 1119 consecutive days. Power cut continued for more than 1181 days, water was cut for 670 days respectively. The number of siege victims is 187.
- Al Sheina Camp: Regular Army is still preventing the residents of the camp to return back to their houses for 973 days respectively.
- Handarat Camp: All Residents have left the camp for about 1 165 days after the Syrian Opposition Groups controlled it.
- Dara'a Camp: It is now almost 826 days without water and almost 70% of its buildings were demolished.
- Jermana, AL Saieda ZAinab, Al Raml, Al Aedein Camps in Homs and Hamma: A relatively quiet situation in light of the economic crises.
- Khan Al Sheih Camp: Roads linking the camp to the city center are still closed except for Zakia- Khan Al Sheih road.