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"Government Battalions Step up Abrupt Searches in Khan Al-Sheih Camp"



- Resident of Jaramana Camp killed in raging hostilities
- Residents of Al-Husseiniya Camp sound distress signals over water, power crises
- Refugee Waleed Mazin Yakoob missing for over a couple of years in Syria
- Palestinian Syrian child wins first prize in regional Chess Championship in Sweden

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Victims

20-year-old Palestinian refugee Mohamed Firas Hesham Ali, sheltered in Jaramana Camp, in Rural Damascus, died on Friday, December 9, 2016, as he took part in deadly battles against the opposition outfits.



His death brings the number of Palestinian casualties since the outburst of the Syrian conflict to 3,404 refugees.

Latest Developments

Reporting from Khan Al-Sheih Camp, AGPS field correspondent said the government battalions stepped up arbitrary searches against Palestinian refugees.





Those aged below 50 are subjected to intensive identity inspection by the government troops.

The campaign reportedly makes part of the army's intent to garner conscripts for the Palestine Liberation Army (PLA), among other pro-government battalions.

Some 250 Palestinian youngsters will be forcibly enlisted for military conscription at the PLA.

Meanwhile, residents of Al-Husseiniya Camp in Damascus Suburbs have launched cries for help over the frequent power outages and long hours of rationing. As a result of the severe power shortage, supplies from water reservoirs have also been frequently turned off.

The energy crisis, coupled with an acute shortage in fuel and heating kit due to the swift hike in prices and the decline in refugees' purchasing power, has made the area uninhabitable.

The refugees' frequent appeals for urgent intervention and maintenance works have gone unheeded. None of the promises made by Al-Husseiniya municipality and pro-government popular committees to secure water supplies have materialized on the ground.

In another development, AGPS has sounded the alarm over the mysterious fate of the Palestinian refugee Waleed Mazin Yakoob, 32.

A resident of Yarmouk Camp, Waleed has disappeared from Rural Damascus some two years ago. He was last seen in Al-Kisweh area, in Damascus outskirts.



In letters emailed to AGPS, his families appealed to the human rights institutions and concerned bodies to take urgent action and work on disclosing his fate.

At the same time, Palestinian-Syrian child Aws Montassar Tershehane, from Al-Neirab Camp, won the first prize in a regional chess championship held in Sweden.

Over 80,000 Palestinian refugees reached Europe until December 2015, after they fled war-ragged Syria. Hundreds of others died at sea, onboard the “death boats.”



Palestinians of Syria: December 11, 2016 Statistics:

- *There are 15,500 Palestinian-Syrian refugees in Jordan.*
- *42,500 Palestinian-Syrian refugees are in Lebanon.*
- *6,000 Palestinian-Syrian refugees are sheltered in Egypt, according to UNRWA figures covering the period from July 2015 backwards.*
- *8,000 Palestinian-Syrian refugees are taking shelter in Turkey.*
- *1,000 Palestinian-Syrian refugees reside in the blockaded Gaza Strip.*



- *Over 79,000 Palestinian Syrian refugees fled to Europe until mid 2016.*
- *Yarmouk refugee camp has been blockaded by the Syrian regime army and Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine - General Command (PFLP-GC) for 1,272 days in a row. Electricity and water supplies have been cut off, respectively, for 1,331 days and 792 days. The number of those killed due to the blockade has hit 191.*
- *Sbiena refugee camp: Refugees could not go back to their homes as a result of the blockade slapped by the Syrian regime forces since 1,125 days running.*
- *Handarat refugee camp: All refugees left the camp since 1,317 days after opposition outfits grabbed hold of the area.*
- *Deraa refugee camp: Water has been cut off for 975 consecutive days while 70% of its buildings have been knocked down.*
- *Homs camp, Hama camp, Jaramana camp, al-Sayda Zeinab camp, Al-Raml camp: A of State of relative calm has been reported in the abovementioned areas. However, economic crises have been on the rise.*