

# التقرير اليومي الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية

Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria

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"UNRWA: 17,000 Palestinian Refugees from Syria Sheltered in Jordan, 85% Characterized as Vulnerable"



- Member of the pro-government al-Jaleel Battalion killed in Syria
- Resident of Al-Aydeen Camp released from Syrian jail after four months
- Palestinians of Syria in Lebanon's Al-Bekaa grapple with dire living conditions, lack of winter assistance
- Palestinian Syrian families outside Al-Bas Camp launch cry for help

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#### **Victims**

Youngster Mohamed Mansour Al-Ahmad, from the pro-government Return Youth Movement (RYM) died as he fought alongside the regime army in Al-Jafra area, in Deir Al-Zor suburbs, to the northeast of Syria.

RYM's armed wing, Al-Jaleel Battalion, confirmed their involvement in deadly battles in Tadmur, Aleppo, Deir Al-Zor, and Al-Riqa.

The death toll of Palestinians killed in the raging warfare has hit 3,405.

#### Latest Developments

As of the end of September 2016, nearly 17,000 Palestinian refugees from Syria (PRS) have been recorded with UNRWA for services and targeted assistance, 85 per cent of whom have been categorized as vulnerable or extremely vulnerable.



However, not everyone has entered the country through regular means as a result of the Jordanian policy applied in 2013 barring their legal entry, according to UNRWA.



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The refugees' lack of legal status has reduced their access to the job market and increased the risk of arrest, detention and refoulement.

Enduring a considerable degree of insecurity, the Palestinians of Syria are almost completely reliant on UNRWA to meet their basic needs.

In 2015, 15,500 Palestinians from Syria fled to Jordan.

A report by AMNESTY International warned of the policies of forced deportation perpetrated by the Jordanian authorities against the Palestinians of Syria.

Meanwhile, the Palestinian refugee Ahmad Mohamed Samour was released from Syrian government jails, where he had been held for over four months.

Ahmad, a resident of the Hums-based Al-Aydeen Camp, was kidnapped on August 6, 2016 and dragged to an unidentified destination.

He is in his 30s of age and a native of the occupied Palestinian city of Safad.





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AGPS kept record of the incarceration of 1,135 Palestinian refugees in Syrian prisons, 186 among whom identified as residents of Al-Aydeen who have had unknown fates.

In another development, Palestinians deported from Syria to Lebanon have sounded distress signals over the dire living conditions they have been made to endure in Al-Bekaa due to the wintry weather and the low atmospheric pressure rocking the region.

Over recent years, air depression, low altitudes, and torrential downpours destroyed refugees' makeshift tents.

Palestinian-Syrian refugee Abu Mohamed, a former resident of Yarmouk who fled to Lebanon, raised concerns over the serious turn for the worse the refugees' life is expected to take in the next few weeks due to the heavy rainfall and the freezing temperatures.

The situation has gone far worse in the area due to the acute shortage in financial resources and relief assistance in a territory where temperatures often reach 12 degrees below zero and ice covers civilian homes from the ground up.





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Nearly 850 Palestinian families are taking refuge in Bekaa, fleeing wartattered Syria.

Meanwhile, in letters emailed to AGPS, Palestinian-Syrian families housed outside refugee camps in Sour (Tyre) city spoke out against the apathy maintained by relief institutions and charities in the region.

The refugees slammed the Lebanese government for infringing their rights as asylum seekers, saying they have been feeling insecure due to the reluctance maintained by the Lebanese authorities as regards their appeals to renew their visas. Several have been subjected to arrests on account that they overstayed their visas.

Displaced Palestinian refugees are not also entitled to job opportunities according to the regulations slapped by the Lebanese government.

Nearly 1,000 displaced Palestinian families are seeking refuge in the southern Lebanese city of Sour, among 33,000 Palestinian-Syrian refugees taking shelter in Lebanon.

### Palestinians of Syria: December 12, 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.



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- 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 1,273 days in a row. Electricity and water supplies have been cut off, respectively, for 1,332 days and 793 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 1,126 days running.
- Handarat refugee camp: All refugees left the camp since 1,318 days after opposition outfits grabbed hold of the area.
- Deraa refugee camp: Water has been cut off for 976 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.