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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"Over 5,000 Palestinian Refugees Trapped South of Damascus"

- UNRWA Pledges to Meet Demands of Palestinians from Syria in Jordan
- 728 Palestinian Refugees Killed in Pro-Gov't Shootouts in Syria
- Fuel Distributed to Displaced Palestinian Families in AlBekaa

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Latest Developments

More than 5,000 Palestinian refugees have been trapped in southern Damascus due to the tough cordon imposed by the Syrian government forces on Babila, Yalda, Beit Sahem, and Sidi Miqdad towns.

Speaking with AGPS, a Palestinian refugee said: “Several years have passed by since I last met my family sheltered in Qudsaya due to the blockade imposed on Yarmouk and movement restrictions.”

The Syrian authorities ruled that in order for Palestinian refugees sheltered in the area to gain free access and of and into Damascus a formal consent should be issued to that very end.



Activists in southern Damascus said entry permissions can only be granted to the refugees if their situation is worked out. Every concerned person should carry a local residence permit, a residential lease, and a list comprising the names of all family members. A written application should be submitted to the concerned authorities.



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Shortly after, a security check is conducted by the government forces to verify the provided data. The applicant receives a written reply by the head of the Palestine Branch so as to be allowed to enter Damascus through a checkpoint in Babila.

At the same time, Palestinians taking refuge south of Damascus have been grappling with dire conditions due to the price leap, steep rental fees, crackdowns carried out by pro-government militias, and forced military conscription.

In another development, the Committee of the Displaced Palestinians from Syria in Jordan said it has received a positive response by UNRWA officials in Amman over the refugees' demands.

The committee's representatives said a meeting will be held with UNRWA's director of operations in Jordan Roger Davies to discuss the list of demands which have been voiced by the refugees during recent vigils.





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The committee said a rally set to be staged on Sunday was cancelled following the agency's response, adding that it will brief the concerned parties about the results of the projected meeting.

Over recent days, Palestinian refugees from Syria rallied outside UNRWA office in Amman, urging the agency to shell out its monthly aids, including fuel, power/water, and shelter allowances.

Over 17,000 Palestinian refugees have sought shelter in Jordan, fleeing war-torn Syria.

According to AGPS data, 85,000 Palestinian refugees from Syria also fled to Europe while 31,000 headed for Lebanon. 35,000 more refugees have sought shelter in Egypt, 8,000 in Turkey, and 1,000 in the blockaded Gaza Strip.

Along the same line, 728 Palestinian refugees were killed as they fought alongside the Syrian government forces.

The list includes 276 Palestinian refugees who died as they joined the Palestine Liberation Army (PLA), affiliated with the Syrian government. Palestinians aged 18 and above have been forced to join the PLA in Syria.

At the same time, 100 Palestinians affiliated with the Popular Front – General Command were killed in the raging hostilities. 85 others died as they fought alongside the pro-government Liwaa AlQuds squad.

The list also includes 35 refugees affiliated with Fatah AlIntifada, 21 from AlJalil Forces, 24 from Free Palestine Movement, and 187 others from pro-government militias.



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Sources close to the Syrian government said the Syrian authorities have recently paid tribute to the families of 750 Palestinian refugees killed in pro-government battles.

In another development, Sahabat AlAqsa Association and an anonymous donor handed over fuel supplies to displaced Palestinian families from Syria in the Lebanese region of AlBekaa, after a violent snowstorm—called Norma—has rocked refugee camps and uprooted their poorly-equipped tents.

Some 950 displaced Palestinian families from Syria have been struggling for survival in AlBekaa due to the freezing temperatures and the absence of relief assistance by UNRWA and the Palestinian Authority, among other concerned bodies.

