



التقرير اليومي الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية

Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria

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"Families Displaced from Yarmouk Appeal for UNRWA Assistance"



- Mother of Missing Palestinian Refugee Launches Cry for Help
- European Commission Contributes 5 million to Life-Saving Assistance for Palestinians of Syria
- 27 Palestinians Killed in February 2017 Compared to 59 in February 2016



Latest Developments

Families displaced from Yarmouk rallied outside the Quds Alternative School in Yalda, south of Damascus, calling on UNRWA to provide them with relief aids, which have been suspended since June 2016.

Yarmouk's displaced community called on all concerned bodies and Palestinian factions to rally round them.



The rally-goers further urged UNRWA to secure life-saving services and a humanitarian passageway for the Palestinian refugees and famished children.

“We, the displaced Palestinian refugees taking shelter in Yalda and Babila, adjacent to Yarmouk, would like to inquire about the reasons why the UN Secretary-General has suspended relief assistance for 13,000 poverty-stricken and sick Palestinian refugees for over eight months. We announce our first strike of anger to demand that the UN assume its duties vis-à-vis the Palestinian community stranded in southern Damascus,” a letter by the refugees read.



Thousands of Palestinian refugees fled Yarmouk Camp after the government forces targeted the shelter with MIG fighter jets. Thousands of other stranded civilians were forced out of Yarmouk after ISIS militias grabbed hold of the camp in early April 2015, in cooperation with AlNusra Front battalion.

In another development, the mother of the Palestinian refugee Nassim Ziad Abu Dheis appealed, in a letter handed over to AGPS, to the international human rights institutions, namely Amnesty International, to take urgent action so as to unearth the fate of her son, who has gone missing for three years and a half.

Abu Dheis's mother said her 39-year-old son, a resident of AlSeif neighborhood, in the northern Syrian province of Aleppo, was kidnapped on his way from Deir al-Zor to Damascus province.

The mother added that her health condition and psychological well-being have taken a turn for the worse due to her son's absence.

She raised concerns over her son's fate, saying that another son of hers had been tortured to death in Syrian lock-ups.





Over 300 Palestinian refugees have gone missing since the outburst of the Syrian warfare, according to AGPS statistics.

Meanwhile, the European Commission for Humanitarian Operations (ECHO) has contributed a total of EUR 5 million (US\$ 5.4 million) to UNRWA in support of the agency's emergency response in Syria.

This donation will go towards life-saving emergency cash assistance provided by UNRWA to 430,000 Palestinian refugees in Syria. ECHO support will also enable the agency to enhance its preparedness and ability to respond to sudden and unforeseen localized emergencies, which is critical at a time of profound instability throughout the country.

According to UNRWA statistics, 95% of Palestinian refugees in Syria are shorn of food security and are in critical need of sustained humanitarian assistance in order to survive. Almost 280,000 are internally displaced, and an estimated 43,000 are trapped in hard-to-reach or inaccessible locations. At the same time, 120,000 have been forced out of Syria in the hunt for a safer shelter. Prior to the war, 560,000 Palestinian refugees had been housed in Syria.

In the meantime, AGPS documented the death of 27 Palestinians in Syria in February 2017, down from 59 in February 2016, due to war-related incidents.

The list of victims for February 2017 included nine refugees in Deraa, six in Rif Dimashq, five in Damascus, four in Aleppo, and three in other areas.



As for the February 2016 casualties, the list included four 48 refugees in Rif Dimashq, four in Damascus, three in Deraa, three in Aleppo, and another in Latakia.

AGPS kept record of the death of 3,459 Palestinian refugees in war-torn Syria.

Palestinians of Syria: March 13, 2017 Statistics:

- *At least 3,459 Palestinians, including 455 women, were killed in war-torn Syria.*
- *1,175 Palestinian refugees, including 83 women, are incarcerated in Syrian government lock-ups.*
- *Yarmouk refugee camp has been blockaded by the Syrian regime army and Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine - General Command (PFLP-GC) for 1,360 days in a row.*
- *190 Palestinians died of undernourishment and medical neglect in the blockaded Yarmouk Camp.*
- *Water supplies cut off in Deraa and Yarmouk camps respectively for 1,066 and 874 days.*
- *Residents of Handarat Camp, in Aleppo, denied access to their homes for 1,410 days. Government battalions have been holding sway over the camp for more than 144 days.*
- *Government troops ban residents of AlSbiena Camp from returning to their homes for 1,215 days running.*
- *Over 79,000 Palestinian Syrian refugees fled to Europe until mid 2016.*



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- *31,000 Palestinians from Syria are housed in Lebanon.*
- *17 Palestinians from Syria are taking refuge in Jordan.*
- *6,000 Palestinian-Syrian refugees are sheltered in Egypt.*
- *8,000 Palestinian-Syrian refugees are taking shelter in Turkey.*
- *1,000 Palestinian-Syrian refugees are sheltered in the blockaded Gaza Strip.*