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"Armed Brigades Threaten to Ignite the Southern Region in Case of Breaking Into the Yarmouk Camp, and Ismael Haniyah Promises to Resolve the Palestinian Refugees' Issue in Cyprus"



- A Palestinian Refugee died in Syria.
- Violent Clashes After the Failure of Entering Food Aids to the Yarmouk Camp.
- Winter Exacerbates the Suffering of the Yarmouk Residents at Taher Algerian Shelter Center in Damascus.
- Warplanes Target the Vicinity of Khan Al Sheih camp, and Continuous Arrest Campaigns Towards the Youth.
- Relief Campaign for the Palestinians in Turkey.

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#### **Victims**

The Palestinian refugee, "Adnan Abdulrahman Ashmawy", died during the clashes that broke out yesterday between the Syrian armed opposition and the SRA alongside with the Palestinian Groups at the entrance of the Yarmouk camp. The Palestinian Democratic Party condolence the victim and mentioned that he was a member of the party in the Yarmouk camp.

It is noted that most of Palestinian factions in Syria formed the so-called Palestinian popular committees in Damascus, as a formation works alongside the Syrian army and security agencies; similarly as to the so-called al-Quds Brigade in Al Neirab and Al Raml camps, the most prominent of those factions is the General Command and Fatah al-Intifada.



Adnan Abdulrahman Ashmawy

#### **Recent Updates**

7 armed brigades of the Syrian army, which are; Legitimacy Committee south of Damascus, Islam Army, Ajnad Al Sham brigades, Ahrar Al Sham Islamic Movement, Aknaf Bait Al Maqdis Brigades, Al Islah Forces, and Al Hajar Al Aswad Fighters threatened, in a statement, to take a strong reaction if the Yarmouk Brigades, that is supposed to be form by the SRA and the Palestinian factions, will break into the Yarmouk camp.



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The statement, that was published by the armed forces in the southern area in its website, states that "during the negotiations about ceasing fire, there are threatens and raiding here and there. Therefore, the military forces south of Damascus confirm that they concern about the southern area including the Yarmouk camp, and stress what was announced by the legitimacy committee, earlier, that we are sharing peace or war. They also stressed that any attack on the area, especially the Yarmouk camp, is consider an attack on the whole area, and we will not keep silent, as well we will face the enemies and the attackers to stop the injustice.

It is worth mentioning that "Al Akhbar" Lebanese newspaper revealed that the regime seeks to form a military brigade consists of the displaced people of the Yarmouk camp, and will be named "Al Yarmouk brigade". The new brigade's mission is to break into the camp, and to take control of it.

Meanwhile, violent clashes broke out yesterday between the SRA alongside with the Palestinian groups and the armed opposition groups at Palestine Street, and the entrance of the Yarmouk camp.

According to our correspondent, these clashes broke out during the preparation of distributing food aids provided by UNRWA, which prevented the resident of receiving these aids for the 6th week respectively. Some activists accused the snipers of the Pro-Syrian Palestinian groups, represented by Fatah and GC of shooting the people in order to prevent the food baskets distribution. In its turn, the GC denied this accusation, said "the Syrian opposition armed groups inside the camp is the one who started shooting the residents."

Meanwhile, an accumulate demonstration was carried out at the Yarmouk camp demanding to end the siege, neutralize it, and demanding the return of its residents. The protestors, who raised slogans " the Yarmouk camp, Diaspora capital, cold, and hungry", "the Yarmouk children cold and starving to death", " No starvation for children and elderly", stressed the need of entering food aids, while they accused the conflict parties of preventing the entry of food baskets.

On the other hand, the displaced Palestinians at Algerian Taher center at Al Zahira in Damascus, that is housing 51 families from the Yarmouk camp, complain of severe living conditions. According to a resident from the center, the class contains several families, coincided with lack of



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basic heating materials and lack of blankets, making them vulnerable to extreme cold, which greatly affected the children, the elderly and caused them many diseases, he also added that the lack of fuel forced us to resort to primitive ways of collecting firewood for heating.

The electricity is Permanently cut, although charity Commissions providing food and medical aid, but the residents still raising their voices and appeal the institutions to stop the injustice against them, and demanded the concerned authorities and the Palestinian institutions to open the way to the Yarmouk camp, to return to their homes, and to end their ongoing suffering many years ago.



Palestinians at Algerian Taher center

In Damascus suburb, Syrian warplanes launched six raids on different parts of Khan Al Sheih Farms at Al Zohour Street, the vicinity of the Villas Street, and Al Qosour Street. Meanwhile, the military forces and the Syrian security forces arrested a number of young people from Khan Al sheih camp at Kawkab checkpoint, which became a threat to the camp's residents and prevent them from leaving for fear of arrest.

#### Gaz.a

Deputy Head of the Political Bureau of "Hamas" Movement, Ismael Haneya phoned the representatives of the Palestinian Syrian refugees, who are trapped in a shelter in Cyprus after their appeals to the



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international humanitarian and Palestinian institutions, while Mr. Haneya promised to respond to their demands.

Mr. Hanieya's office pointed out that he promised to hold contacts with the Turkish leadership to allow them to enter its territory, as well as communicate with human rights and relief organizations to care for their humanity situation. Mr. Haneya also thanked the Cypriot government for having rescued the Palestinians after their boat crash last September, and hosting them since then.

This comes after the decision of the Cypriot authorities to stop its services in the Burnara camp, which is housing 240 Palestinian refugees, and the closure of the camp in the face of the refugees in an attempt to force them to complete the asylum procedure, that was refused by refugees because of the fact that Cyprus is not a country of asylum, and only provides little services for the refugees.

Cypriot Navy had rescued 345 Palestinian and Syrian refugees in September 2014, stopping their journey to Italy, and then forced them to put the footprint, which deprived them from living with their families in the European countries of asylum by the Dublin European Law.

#### **Turkey**

The General Authority for Palestinian refugees in Syria, in coordination with the Turkish organization (AFAD) distributed 38 food and health baskets to 38 Palestinian Syrian families in Kilis shelter center.

This comes in the context of starting relief campaign, the Authority said it is the largest of its kind for the Palestinians of Syria in Turkey, the campaign included distribution of relief and health basket to the displaced Palestinian families in Turkey in each of; (Mersin, Adana, Kilis, Rihaniyya, Gaziantep, Antakya) cities.

The second phase will be implemented next Monday and will distribute 132 rations to the families living outside the center, while the relief office will implement phase III in the coming days in Turkish cities (Gaziantep, Mersin, Adana, Rihaniyya).



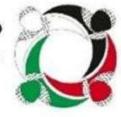
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It is noted that there are no fixed statistics for the number of Palestinian refugees from Syria because of the instability of residence in Turkey, estimates suggest that the number of Palestinian Syrian refugees, who are living in Turkey, ranged between 3000 and 5000, distributed in Istanbul, Gaziantep, and Hatay" Antakya".



### The Palestinian Camps in Syria, Numbers and Statistics till 18/1/2015

- At least 27933 Palestinian Syrian refugees have reached Europe during the last 4 years.
- 2605 Palestinian refugees were documented by the AGPS including 157 women, 286 were killed due to torture, 267 were killed by sniper shot, 84 refugees were field executed, and 986 refugees were killed due to bombing.
- The Yarmouk Camp: Siege, imposed by the Regular Army and PFGC, continued for 562 days respectively. In addition, power cuts continued for more than 642 days, water was cut for 132 days respectively. The number of victims due to the siege has reached 160 victims.
- 80,000 Palestinian Syrian refugees escaped from Syria to the neighboring towns, including 14348 refugees in Jordan, 42,000 in Lebanon, according to UNRWA statistics till November 2014.
- Al Husayneyya Camp: Regular Army is still preventing the residents of the camp to return back to their houses for 464 days respectively.
- Al Sheina Camp: Regular Army is still preventing the residents of the camp to return back to their houses for 433 days respectively.



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- Handarat Camp: Residents have left the camp for 635 days after the Syrian Opposition Groups controlled it.
- Dara'a Camp: It is now almost 279 days without water and 70% of its buildings were demolished.
- Jermana, AL Saieda ZAinab, Al Raml, Al Aedein Ca mps 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.