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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria

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"AGPS: Estimated Number of Palestinians of Syria in Lebanon Shrinks to 30,000"



- **Palestinian refugee killed in Aleppo shelling**
- **Four fighters from pro-government Al-Jaleel Battalion killed in Tadmur**
- **Shelling, clashes rock Yarmouk Camp, in Damascus**
- **Regime army prevents Khan Al-Sheih residents from returning to their homes**

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Victims

Four fighters from the Al-Jaleel Brigades, the military wing of the pro-government Palestinian Return Youth Movement, were killed while taking part in deadly hostilities in Tadmur, in Hums suburbs.



AGPS team identified the four casualties as Ukba Sameer Younis and Marwan Nizar Al-Hamdan, along with the two brothers Ali Hassan Al-Zahir and Yamen Hassan Al-Zahir.

Another Palestinian refugee—Adham Ahmad Saleem Darwish, 45—breathed his last as a round of mortar shells hit the government-led Al-Hamdaniya neighborhood in Aleppo's western corners.

The death toll of Palestinians killed in the raging Syrian warfare has gone up to 3,410.

Latest Developments

AGPS estimates that the number of Palestinians of Syria sheltered in Lebanon is very likely to shrink to 30,000 in 2017, down from 42,000 in the past few years.

AGPS attributes the decline in the number of Palestinian refugees in Lebanon to the dire living conditions in the Lebanese refugee camps and



the high unemployment rates, along with the cut of relief services and assistance by such organizations as UNRWA, among other charities.

Other refugees fled to Europe as they sought out smoother procedures to reunite with their families and children.

According to AGPS, the decline stems primarily from a decision slapped by the Lebanese authorities in early May 2014 banning the entry of Palestinian refugees from Syria into Lebanon.

According to UNRWA figures, nearly 80,000 refugees were registered with the agency in the start of 2013. However, in July 2013 the number was estimated at 42,444, compared to 44,431 in November 2014 and 42,500 in the start of 2015.



In another development, violent clashes flared up in Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian refugees between the regime battalions and the opposition outfits.



At the same time, spates of mortar shells were slammed into the camp, resulting in heavy material losses.

Meanwhile, AGPS on-the-spot reporters said the government patrols deployed at military checkpoints pitched around Khan Al-Sheih Camp have banned the access of civilians into their shelters.

Recently, all the opposition fighters and their families along with over 2,000 civilians and activists were forced out of the camp following a deal struck with the regime forces.

At the same time, UNRWA schools in Khan Al-Sheih reopened their doors for Palestinian refugees after classes had been suspended for nearly one month.

UNRWA closed its schools in the area after a surface-to-surface missile was dropped on Al-Biria School, run by the agency in Khan Al-Sheih Camp.





Palestinians of Syria: December 14, 2016 Statistics:

- *There are 17,000 Palestinian-Syrian refugees in Jordan as of the end of September 2016, according to UNRWA figures.*
- *31,000 Palestinian-Syrian refugees are housed 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 1,275 days in a row. Electricity and water supplies have been cut off, respectively, for 1,334 days and 795 days. The number of those killed due to the blockade has hit 191.*
- *Sbeina refugee camp: Refugees could not go back to their homes as a result of the blockade slapped by the Syrian regime forces since 1,128 days running.*
- *Handarat refugee camp: All refugees left the camp since 1,320 days after opposition outfits grabbed hold of the area.*
- *Deraa refugee camp: Water has been cut off for 978 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.*