

### التقرير اليومي الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية

Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria

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"Artillery Shelling on Khan Eshieh Camp Accompanied By Unspoken Siege"



- Food aid distribution to displaced families of Al-Yarmouk Camp.
- AGPS calls for families of victims and arrestees to submit their relatives data in its website.

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The regime's artillery has targeted the surrounding farms of Khan Eshieh camp by three shells at least, causing a state of panic to civilians. It is believed that the shells have been fired from Al-Kabousiya nearby hill where the regime's military is stationed, that hill is described by many as "nightmare that haunts civilians' lives".

Khan Eshieh Camp considered to be one of the most affected-by-war areas in Western Gota of Damascus right after the famous Darayya Town, as its residents are living devastating living conditions under the unspoken siege imposed by regime's military that spread on the overlooking hills, cutting off the roads leading to the camp, and forcing employees and students to risk their lives by crossing the alternative roads.



People of the camp used to call the alternative road as "Death Road" as 12 civilians has been killed on it so far.

The camp's residents are suffering, also, from severe shortage of basic needs and foods, bread on top, where flour has been banned entry to the

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camp years ago, which forced local dealers to buy retail bundles from surrounding towns and bring it in through the so-called "death road" and sell it at high prices.

Families and women in particular are being subjected to rigorous scrutiny as well as to harassment by soldiers of regime's checkpoints they have to cross while heading towards the capital city of Damascus.

As for the medical conditions, there are three doctors only inside the camp with very limited resources, while the UNRWA's clinic works at its minimum capacity.

Regarding the electricity, apart from the shelling consequences when it might break down for weeks, usually it works around three hours daily, telephone services affected by electricity cut too.

All the above mentioned reasons pushed many of Khan Eshieh residents to leave the camp and settle in nearby towns or migrate and claim asylum in Europe.

It is noteworthy that the AGPS has documented 151 victims from Khan Eshieh Camp since the beginning of the war in Syria, in addition to 108 arrestees who are still unaccounted for.

To South Damascus, for the third day UNRWA and Jafra foundation are still distributing food aid to people of Al-Yarmouk camp who are displaced to the nearby town of Yalda.

This comes while the Yarmouk camp is still under siege imposed by the regime's forces and the PFLP-GC for the day 1004.

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In a different topic, the AGPS calls for the families of Palestinian victims and arrestees and abductees to log into its website and submit their relatives full information via this link:

http://www.actionpal.org.uk/en/reported-victims-detainee-missing.html

it is important to mention that the AGPS has been receiving letters from families of victims over the course of the last five years, where they are being documented after long and hard procedures of validation. The AGPS assures it works on providing this data to the international human rights institutions in a bid to put more pressure on parties of conflict and stakeholders in order to secure the rights and protection to all PRS inside and outside Syria.

#### Palestinians of Syria in numbers and statistics Until 15 March 2016

- 15,000 Palestinian Syrian refugees in Jordan,
- 6,000 refugees in Egypt, according to the UNRWA's statistics till July 2015.

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- More than 71,200 Palestinian Syrian refugees have arrived Europe until the end of December 2015.
- The Yarmouk Camp: still under siege imposed by the Syrian Regime's Army and PFLP-GC (Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine General Command), continued for 1004 days respectively. In addition, power cuts continued for more than 1066 days, water cut for 555 days. The number of victims due to the siege has reached to 186 victims.
- Al Sheina Camp: Syrian Regime's Army still preventing the residents from returning back to their houses for 860 days respectively.
- Handarat Camp: All of its residents have left the camp for 1052 days after the Syrian Opposition Groups controlled it.
- Dara'a Camp: Running water cut continues for 714 days, and 70% of its buildings were destroyed.
- Jarmana, AL-Saieda Zainab, Al-Raml, Al-Aedein Homs and Al-AedeinHama: 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 EShieh road.