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"Daraa Camp Comes Under Heavy Shelling, Civilians Run Out of Medicines"



- Palestinian Dies in Clashes with Gov't Forces on Daraa Outskirts
- Activists: Tahrir AlSham Fighters, ISIS Commanders to Retreat from Yarmouk Camp
- Iftar Meal Distributed to Yarmouk Bachelors in Damascus
- Palestine Charity Hands Over In-Kind and Cash Aids in AlMuzeireeb

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Victims

Palestinian refugee Burhan Younes Khayat died as he fought alongside the opposition outfits against the Syrian government forces on the outer edges of Daraa Camp for Palestinian refugees, south of Syria.

Recently, most of the hospitals and clinics in Yarmouk Camp have gone out of operation as the area has come under heavy shelling.



Latest Developments

Over the past couple of days, the Syrian government forces have struck Daraa Camp, AlMuzeireeb town, and the surrounding villages with over 10 ground-to-ground missiles. Daraa towns have also been hit with the internationally prohibited cluster bombs and napalm grenades.

At the same time, clashes between the regime troops and the antigovernment forces have reached a zenith. A Palestinian refugee was pronounced dead and others injured.

AGPS news correspondent raised alarm bells over the acute dearth in life-saving medicines and emergency items in the area, where most clinics have suspended their services as a result of the unabated shelling.



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A few days earlier, a press release issued by AGPS urged the Syrian government to cease deadly onslaughts on the camp and to allow paramedics a safe access into the area to evacuate the wounded civilians. AGPS further pushed for the neutralization of civilians and called on UNRWA and the international community to live up to their obligations regarding the tragic situation in Daraa.



Meanwhile, AGPS quoted activists in Yarmouk Camp as stating that Tahrir AlSham fighters and ISIS commanders are expected to retreat from the camp.

ISIS fighters are, however, to remain in the camp for fear of being targeted by the International Coalition Forces and the Russian troops once they leave the camp. No other party, except for the Syrian government, pledged not to chase down ISIS fighters once they retreat.

At the same time, buses have been spotted on a quasi-daily basis near the main entrances to the camp, paving the way for the sudden retreat of Tahrir AlSham fighters.



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Civil Action Committees

Break-of-fast meals were distributed by a NGO promoting women's rights and social development to Yarmouk's bachelors who returned from Lebanon after the end of exams.

The dinner was hosted by Sa'id AlAs Center, run by the General Commission for Palestinian Arab Refugees in Syria. A number of UNRWA school headmasters and supervisors were in attendance. Cash aids were distributed to the students on the sidelines of the meal.

Students in southern Damascus embark on life-threatening journeys to take exams. They are often allowed access out of the area through the southern corners, following the consent of the Syrian authorities.



In the meantime, the Palestine Charity Commission distributed cash aids and clothes to a number of Palestinian families in AlMuzeireeb town, in Daraa. As part of the move, orphans received a sum of \$50 each. Food baskets were also distributed by the charity to a number of displaced families.



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Palestinian refugees in Daraa have been enduring a tragic situation due to the raging hostilities rocking the area, along with the chronic power and water blackouts. The situation has gone from bad to worse due to the lack of relief and health services.

Palestinians of Syria: June 16, 2017 Statistics:

- At least 3,521 Palestinians, including 463 women, were killed in war-torn Syria.
- 1,608 Palestinian refugees, including 100 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 1,425 days in a row.
- 196 Palestinians died of undernourishment and medical neglect in the blockaded Yarmouk Camp.
- Water supplies cut off in Deraa and Yarmouk camps respectively for 1,160 and 1,011 days.
- Residents of Handarat Camp, in Aleppo, denied access to their homes for 1,504 days. Government battalions have been holding sway over the camp for more than 238 days.
- Nearly 85,000 Palestinian Syrian refugees fled to Europe until the end of 2016.
- 31,000 Palestinians from Syria are housed in Lebanon.
- 17,000 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.