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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria

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"ISIS Bans Women's Access out of Tahrir AlSham-Led Zones, Gov't Troops Loot Civilian Homes in Yarmouk"



- Clashes between ISIS, Tahrir AlSham Rock Yarmouk Camp
- Displaced Palestinians South of Damascus Struggle for Survival
- Palestinian Refugee in Austria Returns to AlMzeirib Town
- UNRWA Distributes Cash Aids to Palestinians from Syria in Lebanon

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Latest Developments

ISIS south of Damascus prevented stranded Palestinian women from leaving Tahrir AlSham-led zones in Yarmouk on claims that the female inspector underwent a medical surgery.

Men are allowed access out of and into the area from 12:00 a.m. to 03:00 p.m. on condition that they do not enter any food items.

The move makes part of ISIS crackdowns against trapped civilians in Yarmouk.



Several residents and activists have been subjected to house arrest and dozens more have been permanently targeted by ISIS manhunt sweeps.

Speaking with AGPS, eye-witnesses said goods vehicles belonging to the Syrian government and loaded with furniture and electronic equipment went out of Yarmouk's northern entrance—Rama Street, seized by the pro-government forces.

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One day earlier, ISIS misappropriated the equipment of a bakery in Yarmouk and transferred the stolen machines out of the camp via the AlKadam checkpoint, controlled by the regime patrols.

At the same time, clashes burst out between ISIS and Tahrir AlSham in the blockaded Yarmouk Camp after ISIS militants attacked sites controlled by Tahrir AlSham rivals. No injuries were reported on either side.

Meanwhile, Palestinian refugees taking shelter south of Damascus have been grappling with abject living conditions due to the unabated hostilities and the tough blockade enforced on the area by the regime army and its war abettors.

The situation has gone downhill as Palestinian families have become unable to secure much-needed food, clothes, and medicines due to the steep prices, which have seen an increase of up to 1,000% over the past six years.



Survival for hundreds of impoverished Palestinian families in the area has largely hinged on charity meals, financial assistance, and in-kind

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aids occasionally distributed by UNRWA, among a handful of other relief institutions.

Most of the refugees, who have been shorn of their financial resources and gone unemployed in the raging warfare, have sought shelter in Yalda, Babila, and Beit Sahem, fleeing such beleaguered refugee camps as Yarmouk, AlSbeina, AlHusseiniya, and AlSayeda Zeinab.

In the meantime, UNRWA transferred cash aids to the Palestinians of Syria in Lebanon via ATM cards.

Every Palestinian family from Syria received a rental allowance of \$100 and a food allowance worth 27\$ per every refugee.

In another development, Palestinian refugee Moufeq Abu Shella returned from Austria to AlMzeirib town, in Daraa, south of Syria, saying the dreams he has always yearned for have not come true in the new destination.

Fleeing war-torn Syria, Abu Shella embarked on a life-threatening journey, crossing dozens of miles on foot and onboard "death boats" to reach Austria a year and a half ago in the hunt for a safe shelter.

Abu Shella faced difficulties integrating into the host community, which has a set of



beliefs, cultural values, habits, and languages different from his own.

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Not very much dissimilar from the situation endured by thousands of refugees in Europe, Abu Shella failed to reunite with his family, a process that might take a minimum of six years to see the day.

Like many other European countries, Austria has opted for a closed-door immigration policy in an attempt to rein in the influx of refugees and asylum-seekers from war-ravaged zones.

Palestinians of Syria: August 16, 2017 Statistics:

- At least 3,556 Palestinians, including 462 women, were killed in war-torn Syria.
- 1,626 Palestinian refugees, including 103 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 1,482 days in a row.
- 197 Palestinians died of undernourishment and medical neglect in the blockaded Yarmouk Camp.
- Water supplies cut off in Deraa and Yarmouk camps respectively for 1,221 and 1,070 days.
- Residents of Handarat Camp, in Aleppo, denied access to their homes for 1,564 days. Government battalions have been holding sway over the camp for more than 317 days.
- Nearly 85,000 Palestinian refugees from Syria fled to Europe until the end of 2016.
- 31,000 Palestinians from Syria are housed in Lebanon.

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- 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.