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Latest Developments

December 16, 2020 marks the seventh anniversary of the so-called “Mig Massacre”, also known as “Abdul Kader AlHusaini massacre”, in reference to the onslaughts launched by the Syrian fighter jets on Abdul Kader AlHusaini Mosque, in Yarmouk camp for Palestinian refugees, in Damascus.

At the time of the attack, the mosque served as a shelter for hundreds of families who fled the deadly strikes on the camp. Dozens of civilians, including children and women, were killed in the massacre.

The event marked the largest mass exodus from Palestinian refugee camps in Syria. Only a handful of families have regained access to the camp, after the government forces recaptured the area.

On this notorious occasion, AGPS calls on the Syrian government to lift the noose tightened around Yarmouk Camp and its residents and to put an end to all property-theft assaults targeting civilian homes and property.

The Syrian authorities should take serious measures in order to reconstruct destroyed property and rehabilitate vital facilities and infrastructure.

The regional and international humanitarian and human rights institutions should live up to their responsibilities regarding the



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Palestinian refugee plight and work on securing the refugees' right to physical and legal protection.

Yarmouk camp had come under a crippling cordon by the Syrian government forces and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine – General Command. As a result, all hospitals and facilities had gone out of operation and civilians had run out of food and life-saving items, causing the death of more than 200 Palestinian refugees due to undernourishment and the absence of vital healthcare services.



Along similar lines, AGPS took part in a seminar held in Istanbul on December 17 as part of the book fair staged by Palestine House for Poetry and Return Culture.

Ibrahim AlAli, from AGPS, shed light on the content of a book recently issued by AGPS under the title “Yarmouk Camp: A Fourfold Tragedy”.



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As Ali noted, the book underscored the violations which the camp residents have been subjected to since March 2011 until the end of April 2020.

The book tackles four phases undergone by the camp residents during the period under examination and covers the property-theft, displacement, and destruction to which the camp has been subjected.

The study provides a list of victims that were killed or forcibly disappeared during that period.

To download the book, click here:
<http://www.actionpal.org.uk/ar/reports/special/talashiyarmouk.pdf>

Meanwhile, Palestinian refugee from Syria Firas Abdul Kader has appealed to the international humanitarian and human rights institutions to help him secure a sum of 3,000 USD needed for two urgent eye surgeries.

Abdul Kader lost sight in Turkey and cannot receive free treatment at Turkish hospitals as he does not hold the Kimlik protection card.

Recently, Palestinian refugees from Syria in Turkey have expressed concerns over their deteriorating condition particularly in light of the new movement clampdown imposed across Turkish provinces as part of anti-coronavirus measures.



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A large number of companies, factories, and shops shut their doors for fear of further COVID-19 contaminations. Several Palestinian families have lost their sole sources of income as a result.

In the meantime, the unrestrained flow of arms among the pro-government militias in AlNeirab Camp, in Aleppo, has marred civilians' lives.

On December 16, random gunshots were fired by Liwaa AlQuds group in AlNeirab Camp, sparking panic in the area.

The resident attributed the simmering tension to the free access to weapons by Liwaa AlQuds militias, affiliated with the Syrian government.

The residents called on the concerned authorities to urgently work on disarming the camp and protecting vulnerable civilians.

They held Liwaa AlQuds militias accountable for terrorizing civilians and children in the area.