

# التقرير اليومي الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية

#### Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria

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### "Pro-Syrian Regime Groups Raid and Inspect Houses in Al Raml Camp at Latakia"



- Italian Navy Rescues Hundreds of Palestinian and Syrian Migrants
- A Syrian resident in the Yarmouk Camp Dies Due to Malnutrition and Lack of Medical Care
- The Residents of Jaramana Camp Live in a State of Dangerously Carful Quietness
- Activists and Dignitaries of Al Husseneia Camp Demand to Return to their Camps
- The Residents of Al Aedein Camp in Homs Suffer of Unstable Security and Miserable Living Conditions
- "Besiege Your Siege" a Cultural Campaign for Solidarity with the Besieged People of Gaza and Yarmouk
- A Seminar in Berlin about the Yarmouk Camp within the Activities of "Save the Palestinians of Syria" Campaign

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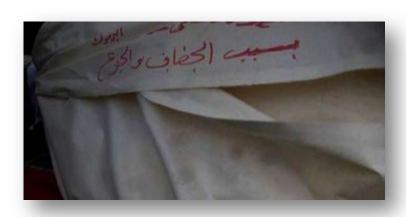
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#### **Recent Updates**

The AGPS received news about a pro-Syrian regime groups that raided a number of houses at Al Raml Camp in Latakia, as they seized some of them as their headquarters, as Al Raml Camp was previously the interface of events in Syria, when the Syrian regime forces broke into and bombed it in the middle of August 2011.

In the same context, three shells were dropped at Al Raml Camp on 5th of February 2015 without any damages, it is mentioned that Al Raml Camp is one of the quietest Palestinian camps as a result of its location at Latakia city which is completely controlled by the Syrian regime.

In South of Damascus, the old man "Ghazi Farhan Faris," a Syrian, was born in 1947, died as a result of malnutrition and lack of medical care in the Yarmouk Camp, bringing the number of siege victims, who died as a result of starvation and lack of medical care, to 166 victims. It is mentioned that the number of besieged people in the Yarmouk refugee camp has exceeded 25,000, including Palestinian and Syrian refugees, who are suffering of severe shortage of food and medical supplies, as they also complain of the continuous siege imposed by the regular army and PFGC groups for (590) days respectively, power cutfor more than (670) days, and water cut for 160 days respectively.



Meanwhile, a number of activists and dignitaries of Al Husseneia camp demanded to return to their camp as soon as possible, especially that the camp is under the control of the regime and GC since 10/11/2013. In the same context, a number of activists criticized the Palestinian factions and the PLO, which poses initiatives to resolve the crisis in the Yarmouk



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refugee camp and forget the rest of the Palestinian refugee camps; such as Daraa, Handarat, Husseneia, and Khan Al Shieh camp. Therefore the activists demanded the PLO, the UNRWA, and the Palestinian factions to work seriously and to intervene in order to neutralize all Palestinian refugee camps in Syria and make it safe areas.



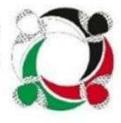
Al Husseneia camp

On the other hand, Jaramana camp receives nearly 5,000 displaced families from the stricken camps, especially Yarmouk, Husseineia, Sayeda Zeinab, Sbeineh, and Al Theiabeia, thereby exacerbating the suffering of its residents and led to the deterioration of economic conditions and high unemployment rate.



Jaramana camp

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It is noteworthy that Jaramana camp did not engage in the ongoing events in Syria directly, but its surroundings were targeted by some shells as a result of its proximity to the road to Damascus International Airport and Gota, the number of victims in Jaramana camp has reached40 victims.

In the meantime, residents of Al Aedein camp in Homs are still suffering from lack of stability and security as a result of the ongoing clashes in its vicinity between the Regular army and groups of the Syrian armed opposition in the city of Homs, the camp witnessed a large displacement of more than 60 Palestinian families who sold their homes and migrated across the boats of death to Europe to escape the harsh reality that led to the deplorable living conditions.

#### **Italy**

The Italian Navy teams rescued 130 people who were on board of a boat that was launched from Libya heading towards the Italian territory, and the work is still going on to reach the rest of them off the island of Lampedusa, south of Italy and they were estimated as 1000 immigrants of different nationalities, including hundreds of Palestinian and Syrian refugees, who were launched from Libyan cities "Zliten, Zuwarah, and Sabratha" heading towards the Italian territory, while some reports said the teams rescued all immigrants.



The Italian Navy teams

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At the beginning of this week a boat was sinking, as it was launched from the Libyan coast in the Mediterranean Sea and about 300 migrants sank, as the Office of (UNHCR), announced that about 3,500 people have been killed while trying to reach Europe across the Mediterranean during 2014 while more than 200 thousand people were rescued during the same period.

In the same context, the UNHCR launched a private initiative in Central Europe bordering the Mediterranean, which provided procedures that will put an end to the tragedy of migrants and riding boats of death, including the steps of the European Union countries in general and the countries of asylum in particular.

#### **Turkey**

House of Palestine for Poetry in cooperation with the Palestinian Writers League launched its fourth Electronic campaign under the slogan (Besiege Your Siege) in solidarity with the people of the Gaza Strip and the Yarmouk camp south of Damascus. The cultural campaign, that inspired its name from a poem by Palestinian poet Mahmoud Darwish, "Besiege Your Siege", aims to shed light on the pain and suffering experienced by the residents of the Palestinian refugee camps in the Diaspora and home in general and the Gaza Strip and the Yarmouk camp in particular, especially due to the siege imposed on them, which killed many of the Palestinian refugees.

#### **Germany**

German-Arab Center in Berlin in collaboration with the "Palestinian civic mobility", who supervises the campaign of "Save the Palestinians of Syria", held a seminar on Saturday 14 / February, with the Palestinian Artist Anas Salama, who talked about his artistic experience and his paintings that were painted by coffee and that he wanted to show them the suffering of the Yarmouk Palestinian refugee camp as a result of the siege and the continuation of the ongoing war in Syria.



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During his lecture, "Salama" highlighted the extent of the humanitarian disaster experienced by the rest of the people inside the camp, in light of the continued suspension of entering food and medical aid and the siege policy which killed 166 Palestinian refugees.

#### Numbers and Statistics till 16/2/2015

- At least 27933 Palestinian Syrian refugees have reached Europe during the last 4 years.
- 2650 Palestinian refugee victims were documented by the AGPS.
- The Yarmouk Camp: Siege, imposed by the Regular Army and PFGC, continued for 590 days respectively. In addition, power cuts continued for more than 670 days, water was cut for 160 days respectively. The number of victims due to the siege has reached to 166 victims.
- 80,000 Palestinian Syrian refugees escaped from Syria to the neighboring towns, including 10,687 refugees in Jordan,51,300 in Lebanon and 6,000 refugees in Egypt, according to UNRWA statistics till February 2015.
- Al Husayneyya Camp: Regular Army is still preventing the residents of the camp to return back to their houses for 492 days respectively.
- Al Sheina Camp: Regular Army is still preventing the residents of the camp to return back to their houses for 461 days respectively.
- Handarat Camp: Residents have left the camp for 663 days after the Syrian Opposition Groups controlled it.
- Dara'a Camp: It is now almost 307 days without water and 70% of its buildings were demolished.
- Jermana, AL Saieda ZAinab, Al Raml, Al Aedein Camps in Homs and Hamma: 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 Al Sheih road.