

# التقرير اليومي الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية

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

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"The AGPS Demands the Release of Hundreds of Palestinian Detainees, and Activists Launch Electronic Solidarity Campaign"



- Helicopters Target the Vicinity of Khan Al Shieh Camp with a Number of Explosive Barrels
- A Palestinian Female Refugee Dies Due to the Shelling between ISIS and Opposition at Saham Al Jawlan area
- Al Khatab Family Appeals through the AGPS for Release, after 50 Days of Detention at Ataturk Airport
- The Palestinians of Syria Strained at the Macedonian Borders Demands the European Governments to Receive them

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#### **Victims**

The 43-Palestinian-refugee, Kifah Em Abdulrahman, died due to artillery shelling during the mutual clashes between Shohadaa Al Yarmouk Group affiliated to ISIS and the Opposition armed groups at Saham Al Jawlan area South of Syria.

#### **Recent Updates**

In the Palestinian Prisoners Day, the AGPS called the Syrian regime the release and disclosure of hundreds of Palestinian detainees who are considered unaccounted for, stressing that what is going on for Palestinians inside the Syrian prisons «war crime by any standards. «



The AGPS has issued numerous reports, including a report of enforced disappearances 1, enforced disappearances 2, and the Photo massacre. The reports addressed victims of Palestinian refugees who were killed as

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a result of torture and enforced disappearance under the bloody conflict between the Syrian regime and the opposition, while the group confirmed, through follow-up and daily monitoring of the Palestinian refugees' conditions and documented information that there (1068) Palestinian prisoners, including 75 women.

Furthermore, the AGPS pointed out that they monitored operations of direct arrests against people at checkpoints or during raids carried out by the army in the Syrian cities and villages, or during the random arrests. After the arrest, no party can identify the fate of the detained person, and in multiple cases, the security forces contact with the detainee's family to attend to collect his body from military or public government hospitals.

In the same context, a group of Palestinian activists launched an electronic campaign on Facebook and Twitter in solidarity with Palestinian prisoners who are in the prisons of the Syrian regime. The organizers of the campaign said that the idea is simple and is based on writing a name of a detainee with the use of Hashtag "Palestinian\_ Prisoners'\_Day"

An activist said that "the Palestinian detainees in Syria are also singing, behind the bars of their cells, Jafra and Zarif Altoul songs. The detainees are forgotten similarly as our camps, the prisoners are not free similarly as our camps; they are paying the bill of our silence, and our factions' disgrace," as he described.

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Warplanes dropped a number of explosive barrels at the surrounding farms of Khan Al Shieh camp in Damascus western suburb, Al Rida Street, the vicinity of Skeik neighborhood, and Al Salam highway.

The regular army still targets the only road at Khan al Shieh camp in Damascus suburb with heavy machineguns, while activists warned of the risk of passing through this road where many residents killed there.



Turning to Turkey, the Palestinian Syrian family of Khattab appealed, through the AGPS, the of the Palestinian Embassy in Turkey, the Palestinian factions, Hamas Movement, the General Authority for Refugees of the Syrian interim government, human rights organizations, and all free and honorable people of the world, to intervene and mediate for their release after being detained at Ataturk Airport at the Turkish city of Istanbul since 29.02.2016.

The family, which consists of: The 69-year-father, Kamel Husni Khattab, the 58-year-mother, Ibtisam Ibrahem Fallaha, the 27-year-son,

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Mohammed, and the 26-year-daughter, Ruba, said that they are detained in a poor conditions for about 50 days. They are detained in a dark room, while the father and the son are isolated from the mother and their daughter.

Their daughter Ruba confirmed that their health condition is getting worse especially her father. 10 days ago they all suffered of stomachache, diarrhea, and high temperature due to the lack of sun exposure, while the food has not changed from the moment of detention. The family lives a severe stress, especially the father..

The family had departed from Lebanon to Brazil to look for a decent life, but the poor conditions in the new country forced the family to leave to Turkey that detained them. The family said "that after being detained, they provided asylum to the Turkish authorities, but it was rejected. The Turkish authorities contacted with the Lebanese authorities—for the fact that the family traveled to Brazil from Lebanon—which in turn refused to receive the family, and that they will deport the family to Syria if they will be deported back to their territory".

Under constant threat by the Turkish authorities of deporting the family to Syria or Brazil, the family appointed a lawyer to prevent the Turkish authorities from deporting them to Brazil. Their cause remains pending after the rejection of any state to receive them and give them a decent life.

The family also accused the Palestinian Authority's embassy in Turkey of negligence, as the embassy only contacted with the Turkish Foreign affairs and all were in vain. At the end of the appeal, the family called on

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all the Palestinian, humanitarian and human rights institutions to save them from the detention room and to help them live in freedom and dignity, the things that we hoped to achieve after leaving Yarmouk and Syria heading to Lebanon then Brazil then to Turkey.

Meanwhile, the Palestinian Syrian refugees trapped at the Macedonian Greek border called on the international organizations, human rights organizations, and the PLO to intervene in order to help them and put pressure on the European governments to receive them in their own countries. They also called for improving their living conditions, where a refugee described the humanitarian situation as dire, as they are living the worst days of their lives, as he described, as a result of the lack of accommodation for all refugees

He added that many of them slept in the open and sat on the ground exposing them to disease and the risk of deadly animals such as snakes, which resulted in a state of frustration and depression. He pointed out that the number of Palestinians of Syria stranded on the Greek Macedonian border, who arrived before the validity of the Turkish agreement with the European Union, has amounted to about (160) people, including 104 from the Yarmouk refugee camp, 5 from Al Nairab camp, 33 from Deraa, Muzareib, and Jellen camps, 10 refugees from Handarat camp, and 8 refugees from Al Aedein camp in Homs, while the number of children amounted at 57 children.

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#### Palestinians of Syria; Numbers and Statistics till 17\04\2016

- 15500 Palestinian Syrian refugees are in Jordan
- 42.500 Palestinian Syrian refugees are in Lebanon
- 6000 Palestinian Syrian refugees are in Egypt, according to the UNRWA statistics till July 2015
- More than 71.2 thousand Palestinian Syrian refugees have reached
  Europe till the End of December 2015
- The Yarmouk Camp: siege, imposed by the Regular Army and PFGC groups, continued for 1037consecutive days. Power cut continued for more than 1097 days, water was cut for 587 days respectively. The number of siege victims is 186.
- Al Sbeina Camp: Regular Army is still preventing the residents of the camp to return back to their houses for 892 days respectively.
- Handarat Camp: All Residents have left the camp for about 1085 days after the Syrian Opposition Groups controlled it.
- Dara'a Camp: It is now almost 745 days without water and almost 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.