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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"UNRWA: 2500 Palestinian families returned to Sabinah in the suburbs of Damascus after the reopening of the road"

- Palestinian refugee dies while fighting alongside the regime forces in the suburbs of Damascus
- Intermittent clashes between the Syrian opposition and ISIS in Yarmouk camp continue
- Dozen of refugees in Greece head to the Macedonian borders

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Victims

Palestinian refugee “Ibrahim Shehada,” from Al-Husseiniyah refugee camp in the suburbs of Damascus, has died while fighting alongside the Syrian regime forces in the town of Beit Jinn.

“Ibrahim” was a volunteer in the "National defense" groups which fight alongside the regime forces in several areas across Syria.



Latest Developments

In a report published earlier this month, UNRWA confirmed that the number of Palestinian refugee families that returned to Sabinah camp for Palestinian refugees in the suburbs of Damascus to this date, is estimated to 2500 families.

The Agency added that another 1000 families are expected to return to the camp in the upcoming months, after the Syrian regime forces opened the way for the return of the camp’s residents, on the 30th of August 2017, despite its control over the camp for years.

On UNRWA’s activity in the Sabinah camp, the agency said that on the 15th of October, it opened two of its six schools in the camp, for the first time since December 2012. Almost 500 students from grade



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1 to grade 9 returned to their classrooms, after four years of closure because of the security situation in the camp.

UNRWA noted that Al-Saleheya Schools for boys and Soforeyya School for girls underwent maintenance and repairs, to be ready to welcome the Palestinian refugee students for the academic year 2017-2018.



UNRWA also added that it was undertaking extensive efforts in the areas of maintenance and reconstruction, including the removal of rubble and the restoration of electricity, sanitation and water systems to the refugees.

It also provides water through tanks that are transported to Palestine refugees who have returned to the camp since the 10th of September 2017 And will continue until the water system becomes usable.

UNRWA has also sent its mobile health clinic to the camp until the maintenance work is completed in its medical center in the camp. The mobile clinic will meet the health needs of refugees who have returned to the camp, according to UNRWA.



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In 2013, the camp witnessed intense fighting and was subjected to severe bombardments by the regime forces, leading to the partial and complete destruction of almost 80% of its buildings, before the regime took control of it on 17/11/2013.

Sabinah camp is located in the town of Sabinah, 14 km south of Damascus and was home to almost 25000 Palestinian refugees before the outbreak of war in Syria.

AGPS has recorded the death of 67 of Sabinah camp's residents during the war in Syria, as well as 30 detained people in the Syrian regime's prisons.

In another context, Yarmouk camp for Palestinian refugees saw renewed clashes between the Syrian regime forces and ISIS, the day before yesterday.

According to our correspondent in Yarmouk camp, that groups affiliated to Jaish Al-Ababil, which is one of the Syrian opposition formations, launched an attack the day before yesterday using homemade missiles, targeting ISIS's center points.





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On its part, Jaish Al-Ababil published a video recording showing the targeting of one of the center points of ISIS in Yarmouk camp, using what it described as a homemade missile, which caused a huge explosion at that point.

In the meantime, a group of about 100 refugees left Athens to the city of Thessaloniki, in a march, with the intention of reaching the Republic of Macedonia, to protest against their inability to move to the European asylum countries.

The group met in Aristotelous Square, in the center of the city, after the refugees coordinated their march through social media. One of the refugees threatened to burn himself, before a group of refugees stopped him.

The Greek newspapers quoted the refugees saying they were keen to travel to Germany and the European countries where their relatives are waiting for them.

Rumors spread on social media and among the refugees in Greece, that the country had concluded a secret deal with Germany to delay the process of reunifying the refugees who were stranded in Greece, with relatives in Germany.

It is noteworthy that hundreds of Palestinian and Syrian immigrants in Greece are facing severe suffering and long waiting periods for a decision on their asylum cases. Dozens of them are waiting to be reunited with their families in Germany.



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Palestinians of Syria: November 17, 2017 Statistics:

- The total number of victims documented by the Action Group is 3610, including 463 women
- 1642 Palestinians are locked up behind Syrian government's bars, 105 of which are women
- Yarmouk refugee camp is under the Syrian regime army and Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine's siege for 1,584 days in a row
- 203 refugees, mainly in Yarmouk Camp, have died due to lack of medical care and malnutrition
- Water supplies have been cut off Deraa Camp for 1321 days, and 1161 days in Yarmouk Camp
- Residents of Handarat Camp, in Aleppo have been banned from their homes for 1,657 days. Government troops have taken over the camp for more than 420 days.
- Approximately 85 thousand Palestinian-Syrian refugees fled to Europe by the end of 2016
- 31 thousand refugees are located in Lebanon
- 17 thousand refugees are sheltered in Jordan
- 6 thousand refugees are in Egypt
- 8 thousand refugees are staying in Turkey
- One thousand refugees are present in Gaza



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