

التقرير اليومي الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية

Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria

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"Activists: Palestinian Authority Passport Increases the Chances for Palestinian-Syrians to Obtain Turkish Visa"

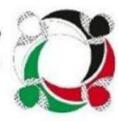


- Palestinian refugee dies during clashes in Daryya town in Damascus Suburb.
- Targeting the last open road to Khan Alsheh camp increases the suffering of its residents.
- 258 refugees died in Al-Yarmouk camp before the entering of armed opposition forces in 2012.
- Sinking of 5 Refugees and saving 83 others off Lesbos Island in Aegean Sea.
- A refugee from Al-Aideen camp in Homs participates in "kickboxing" championship in Sweden.

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VICTIMS

The Palestinian refugee "Mohammed Hassan Abdullah Hussein" from the Syrian Republican Guard was killed in clashes with the Syrian armed opposition forces in the town of Darya in Damascus Suburb.

It is noteworthy that the Republican Guard is a subsidiary squad of the Syrian army, and doesn't include Palestinian refugees in its ranks usually, but during the war; loyal groups were formed and inducted many Palestinians to be sent to the battlefronts where many of them were killed.



RECENT UPDATES

Palestinian Activists in Lebanon Confirmed to the AGPS, that a number of Palestinian Syrian refugees obtained visas to Turkey, after getting a Palestinian Authority passport.

One of the Palestinian-Syrians - who requested anonymity for special reasons —referred that getting the Palestinian Authority Passport from the Palestinian embassy in Lebanon or Syria is almost impossible unless

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you have strong relations with the ambassadors or PLO officials, while in Egypt or Turkey others were able to get it easily after paying the fees.

Muhammad, who is a Palestinian-Syrian activist in Turkey came from Lebanon, was able to obtain entry visa to Turkey after issuing a Palestinian Authority passport earlier from the



Palestinian embassy in Egypt, stressing that this passport is the only way available for the Palestinian-Syrians to arrive Turkey.

It is noteworthy that the Turkish authorities had suspended granting visas to the Palestinian-Syrians for more than two years without giving obvious reasons, which forced hundreds of them to follow smugglers via land routes to enter Turkey despite the Dangers.

Activists demanded the Palestinian Authority and the Palestinian factions, which have good relations with the Turkish authorities to solve those problems with the Turkish officials, demanding that "Palestinian-Syrians" to be treated as a war refugees and allow them to enter the Turkish territory.

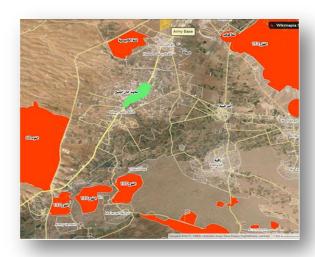
In different subject; the Syrian regime's army, yesterday morning, targeted the only road to Khan Eshieh camp in Damascus Suburb (Zakia - Khan Eshieh road) by heavy submachine guns, while shelling and sniping and violent clashes between the opposition's and regime's forces

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continued top occur, which led to closing theso called "Death Road" and increasing the suffering of the camp residents.



On the other hand, Monitoring and documentation team in AGPS had documented (258) Palestinian victims from the Yarmouk camp in the period between 15 March 2011 and 16 December 2012 which is the period before the entry of Syrian opposition forces to the camp.

The statistics indicated that there are (77) Palestinian refugees died as a result of direct gunshots, and 138 died as a result of mortar shelling and missiles and military aircraft "Mig" and during targeting Al-Ja'una neighborhood on 2 August 2012 and Abdul-Qader al-Husseini Mosque on 16 December 2012 as well, while 17 refugees were executed or burned to death, in addition to dozens of victims caused by kidnappings and assassinations without specifying who was responsible for it.

It should be noted that (1018) victims from Al-Yarmouk refugee camp died since the beginning of the conflict in Syria.

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Turning to Sweden, the Palestinian-Syrian refugee "Tariq Zawahri" from Al-Aideen camp in Homs who is currently residing in Sweden was nominated to participate in one of the largest and most important sport events of Kickboxing category from mixed fighting arts.

It is noteworthy that Sweden is one of the most prominent destinations for Palestinian refugees Syrians fleeing the war in Syria.



In Greece, the coastguards announced, yesterday, the sinking of five refugees including three children between Turkey and Greece in the Aegean Sea while trying to immigrate to Europe. The Greek police said they had managed to rescue 83 refugees off the island of Lesbos, noting that searching operations still ongoing southeast of the Aegean to find the missing people.

Previously in this month; the Greek Coastguard announced on 12 December that the 11 refugees, including two children and five women died, and 13 others were missing, after the sinking of their wooden boat

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in the outskirts of Farmakonisi Greek Island in the Aegean Sea, while the Greek police said that they had rescued 26 of the boat passengers.

In the context, the Turkish Coastguard, earlier, pulled out the bodies of three victims drowned in the same area; two Iraqi children and an unknown man.

Dogan news agency said the two children aged six years and two years were wearing life-jackets, and their bodies were floating in the Aegean Sea off the Sisme area (west) in front of the Greek Island of Kos.

It is worth mentioning that the Turkish coasts are considered to be the starting point for hundreds of boats carrying refugees fleeing the war in Syria towards Europe. Thousands of Palestinian refugees launched their trips from that beach to get to Greece or Italy.



Palestinians of Syria in numbers and statistics Until 17 December 2015

• 15,500 Palestinian Syrian refugees in Jordan, 45,000 Palestinian Syrian refugees in Lebanon, and 6,000 refugees in Egypt, according to the UNRWA's statistics till July 2015.

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- More than 36,000 Palestinian Syrian refugees have arrived Europe during the last 4 years.
- The Yarmouk Camp: still under siege imposed by the Syrian Regime's Army and PFLP-GC (Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine General Command), continued for 899 days respectively. In addition, power cuts continued for more than 969 days, water cut for 459 days. The number of victims due to the siege has reached to 184 victims.
- Al Sheina Camp: Syrian Regime's Army still preventing the residents from returning back to their houses for 760 days respectively.
- Handarat Camp: All of its residents have left the camp for 960 days after the Syrian Opposition Groups controlled it.
- Dara'a Camp: Running water cut continues for 605 days, and 70% of its buildings were distroyed.
- Jarmana, AL Saieda Zainab, Al Raml, Al Aedein Homs and Aedein Hamma: A relatively quiet situations 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 Shieh road.