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"7 Palestinian Refugees Aggressively Attacked on Greek Island of Chios"



- Shells slammed across Yarmouk Camp in Damascus
- “Do Not Forget Yarmouk” campaign kicks off to mobilize support for Palestinian refugee camps in Syria

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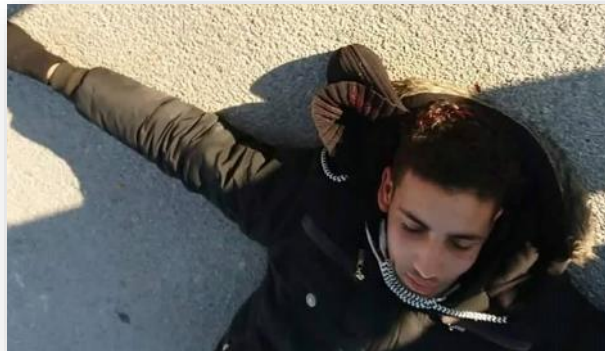


Latest Developments

Reporting from the Greek Island of Chios, AGPS news correspondent said Afghani refugees aggressively attacked Palestinians sheltered on the island.

Most of the Palestinians taking refuge in the area have fled war-ragged Syria, among other beleaguered territories.

Seven Palestinian refugees sustained wounds, including two in critical conditions.



The refugees were attacked as they attempted to defend a 14-year-old Gazan who was violently beaten by refugees taking cover on the island.

The assailants wielded cold weapons and wreaked havoc on Palestinian makeshift tents before they stole the refugees' belongings.

Speaking with AGPS, the injured Palestinian-Syrian refugee Iyad Mohamed said six Palestinian refugees from Syria and another from the blockaded Gaza Strip were injured in the assault and were rushed to a Greek hospital for urgent treatment.



Two refugees, including a resident of Deraa Camp in Syria, were transferred to an intensive care unit due to the critical wounds inflicted by the attack.

AGPS field reporter identified one of the victims as Yasser Abu Arafat a resident of Deraa Camp, in southern Syria. The latter has been diagnosed with a critical internal hemorrhage and a rib fracture. Youngster Hazim Oukel, a resident of Damascus-based Yarmouk Camp, suffered hand and leg fractures, along with bruises all over his body. Meanwhile, Iyad Mohamed, from Al-Husseiniya Camp, in Rural Damascus, suffered finger fractures and head injuries. Youngster Bahaa Abu Haya, from the blockaded Gaza Strip, fell into a coma.

The refugees have gone homeless and could not reach their shelters in Souda and Vial camps after they received death threats from the gangsters.

The Palestinian refugees slammed the apathy maintained by the Greek police vis-à-vis such frequent assaults.

“We have repeatedly appealed to the Greek police to transfer us to safer shelters but to no avail as none of our appeals have been taken into consideration,” said one of the injured Palestinian refugees.

Palestinian asylum seekers in Chios urged the Palestinian embassy and ambassador in Greece, Marwan Tubasi, to immediately step in and transfer the refugees to safer regions before it is too late.

400 Palestinians, mostly from the Syrian refugee camps of Yarmouk, Deraa, Al-Aydeen, and Al-Husseiniya, have been seeking refuge on the



Greek Islands, namely Lesbos, Chios, Leros, and Kos. Most of the refugees have been on tenterhooks to reunite with their families and children as the raging warfare severed the ties that kept them together.

In another development, the Damascus-based Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian refugees sustained heavy material damage on Friday after it was struck with a round of mortar shells.

At least 192 Palestinian refugees died of undernourishment and medical neglect in Yarmouk Camp, which has been cordoned off by the government troops and Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command (PFLP-GC) for over 1,200 days running.

Meanwhile, a hashtag campaign kicked off on Facebook under the slogan “Do Not Forget Yarmouk.”

The campaigners said the move aims to mobilize mass support for the Yarmouk Camp, among other refugee camps in the beleaguered Syrian territories.

The activists spoke out against the silence maintained by the Palestinian Authority, the Arab governments, and the international community as regards the tragic state of affairs rocking Palestinian refugee camps.

They further denounced the preplanned media blackouts regarding the cause and called on the displaced residents of Yarmouk to try to reach out to their families and fellows blockaded in Yarmouk so as to combine forces in the face of the tragedy befalling the Palestinian refugee community.



Palestinians of Syria: December 17, 2016 Statistics:

- *At least 3,411 Palestinians, including 455 women, were killed in war-torn Syria.*
- *1,135 Palestinian refugees, including 80 women, are incarcerated in Syrian government lock-ups.*
- *Yarmouk refugee camp has been blockaded by the Syrian regime army and Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine - General Command (PFLP-GC) for 1,278 days in a row.*
- *192 Palestinians died of undernourishment and medical neglect in the blockaded Yarmouk Camp.*
- *Water supplies cut off in Deraa and Yarmouk camps respectively for 981 and 798 days.*
- *Residents of Handarat Camp, in Aleppo, denied access to their homes for 1,323 days. Government battalions have been holding sway over the camp for more than 60 days.*
- *Government troops ban residents of Al-Sbiena Camp from returning to their homes for 1,131 days running.*
- *Over 79,000 Palestinian Syrian refugees fled to Europe until mid 2016.*
- *31,000 Palestinians are housed in Lebanon.*
- *17 Palestinians are taking refuge in Jordan.*
- *6,000 Palestinian-Syrian refugees are sheltered in Egypt.*
- *8,000 Palestinian-Syrian refugees are taking shelter in Turkey.*
- *1,000 Palestinian-Syrian refugees are sheltered in the blockaded Gaza Strip.*