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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria

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"The Siege and Lack of Medical Care Resulted in 184 Palestinian Victims"



- Shelling and clashes in the vicinity of Dara'a camp.
- Released prisoners provide testimony of the situation of Palestinians in the infamous Sednaya Military Prison.
- UNRWA announces a new round of cash assistance to Palestinians of Syria in Lebanon by ATM cards.
- Distributing aid to Palestinian families from Syria in Ein El-Helweh camp.

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STATISTICS

AGPS monitoring and documentation team has announced 184 Palestinian dead owing to the starvation and lack of medical care in the besieged Yarmook camp. The monitoring covered the period of

2013,2014 and 2015. The list of victims illustrated that the number has been divided as: 21 children, 164 adults, whereas, 123 male and 61 female. AGPS indicated that the victims categorised over three years as following: 26 victims in 2013, 133 in 2014 and 25 in 2015. The



main reasons of death is the starvation and lacking in the medical care due to the prolong siege imposed by the Syrian regime and the pro-Assad Palestinian faction of PFLP-GC for 919 day. The humanitarian situation worsened after ISIS overrun the camp in April 2015, which led to stop all charities and other organisations.

RECENT UPDATES

The districts around Dara'a camp of Palestinian refugees has been subjected to heavy artillery shelling by the Syrian regime. These events coincided with clashes between the opposition groups and the pro-Assad fighters. It is noteworthy that this area, inhabited by Palestinians and displaced Syrians from Golan, is one of hotspots in south Syria. The camp in Dara'a is already destroyed by 70%, and the rest of inhabitants

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are still under severe living conditions. In the same context, the refugees are suffering from the constant water cut for the sixth month. Electricity also had been cut for 20 hours daily, and sometimes the cut lasts for few days. Damages in the water and electricity sector led to failure in the telephoning network.



Regarding the detainees issue, activists revealed new information about some Palestinians detainees in Syrian prisons. According to testimonies provided by released prisoners, the presence of some Palestinians in enforced disappearance has been revealed in the infamous Sednaya military prison. The prisoners are "Ebraheem Mohamed Almousa", "Ahmad Hosain Mahmoud", "Mousa Ebraheem Abu Taha" and "Imad Ebraheem Abu Taha", in addition to "Mohamed Jameel Tanjy", "Abdullah Akram Hasan", "Alaa Sameer Farhoud" and "Ehab Farooq Sala'al" from Yarmook camp.

Sednaya prison is considered the most infamous place in Syria. The prison, located in the mountains of Sednaya town north of the Syrian capital of Damascus, is blocked in the face of the human rights

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organisations to visit it. The capacity of the prison is around 15,000 prisoners, and it is likely that hundreds of Palestinian detainees in this prison, activists said. It is indicated that AGPS documented 1034 Palestinian prisoner in enforced disappearance, and 431 have been tortured to death.

In Lebanon, UNRWA announced a new round of cash assistance to Palestinian refugees from Syria. The winter cash assistance is the second and last payment, UNRWA said. The statement issued by UNRWA said that the payment will be available in ATM from 19th of this month.

This statement came in a wake of the declaration of UNRWA to decrease the assistance to all Palestinian refugees in Lebanon. UNRWA has cut cash and food aid and shelter allowance for, at least, 1100 families. It is worth noting that a wave of protests took place in Lebanon due to the cuts of treatment allowance which affected all Palestinians in Lebanon.

On the other hand, Alforqua charity distributed aid packages to Palestinian families which arrived recently to Ein El-Helweh camp in Lebanon. The packages included food and winter blankets. It is estimated that more than 10 thousand Palestinian refugee from Syria in Sidon City in south of Lebanon compared to 42,000 all over the country. Unofficial sources revealed last week that the number might have fallen to 33,000 refugees.

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Palestinians of Syria in numbers and Statistics until 18 January 2016

- 15,500 Palestinian Syrian refugees in Jordan, 42,500 Palestinian Syrian refugees in Lebanon, and 6,000 refugees in Egypt, according to the UNRWA's statistics till July 2015.
- More than 71,200 Palestinian Syrian refugees have arrived Europe until the end of December 2015.
- 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 919 days respectively. In addition, power cuts continued for more than 1008 days, water cut for 497 days. The number of victims due to the siege has reached to 185 victims.
- Al Sbeina Camp: Syrian Regime's Army still preventing the residents from returning back to their houses for 803 days respectively.
- Handarat Camp: All of its residents have left the camp for 996 days after the Syrian Opposition Groups controlled it.

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- Dara'a Camp: Running water cut continues for 656days, and 70% of its buildings were distroyed.
- Jarmana, AL-SaiedaZainab, Al-Raml, Al-Aedein Homs and AedeinHama: 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 EShieh road.