

# التقرير اليومي الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية

Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria

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"Shelling Targets Khan Al Shieh Camp and Results in 12
Injuries, Including Children"



- Syrian Security Forces Arrest three Palestinians from Al Aedein Camp in Homs
- Activists: Pro-Regime Al Quds Brigade does not Belong to the Palestinian Structure
- 436 Palestinians Died while Fighting alongside with the Regime Forces and the Syrian Opposition
- UNRWA Announces Photographing Competition for the Palestinian youth refugees 2016

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#### **Recent Updates**

The AGPS correspondent reported that more than 12 people were injured yesterday night due to the shelling that targeted Khan Al Shieh camp for Palestinian refugees. The camp was targeted yesterday night with two land-to-land Al-Fil rockets; one of them targeted civilians' houses in the middle of the camp near UNRWA's school and clinic and the other was dropped near the Popular Front office and resulted in at least two injuries, including a child, in addition to massive destruction against civilians' houses.



The camp was targeted again with artillery shells that targeted Al-Huda mosque in the middle of the camp and resulted in 10 injuries among civilians, including women and children, in addition to the destruction of the mosque, as well as a state of fear and panic among civilians, especially women and children.

Meanwhile, our correspondent confirmed that the Syrian regime targeted Al-Huda mosque in the middle of Khan Al Shieh camp directly several



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times ago, noting that the mosque is just a place for worshiping and does not contain any gunmen or weapons.

This came amid official Palestinian and international ignorance, where the pace of air strikes that target Khan Al Shieh camp during the past few days and weeks have increased rapidly. The air strikes resulted in the death of dozens of victims and injuries among the residents of the camp and the displaced families who escaped the shelling and the explosive barrels that target the adjacent towns and villages.

It should be noted that the AGPs documented 182 victims among Khan Al Shieh residents who died since the beginning of war events in Syria.

On the other hand, the Syrian security forces arrested three Palestinian refugees from Al Aedein camp in Homs during the past few days, including a former UNRWA teacher, and an official of Baath party.

#### The detainees are:

Medyan Subhi Sarhan "Abu Mohammed," who was arrested on August 12 by members of Hos-Tartous checkpoint of the regular army. He was arrested while delivering some passengers from Al Aedein camp in Homs to the coast of Tartous city; he is a member of GC, in his fifties, and originally from Al Shajara village in Palestine.

The Palestinian refugee, Moayad Riyad Awad, in his thirties, and originally from Al Shajara village in Palestine.

On 11-8-2016, the Syrian security forces raided the house of Mohammed Salayma "Abu Almajd," and arrested him while returning back from



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Sweden to Al Aedein camp in Homs in charges of travelling to Turkey then to Sweden illegally.

It is mentioned that he was an official of Baath party and a former UNRWA teacher; he is in his eighties, and originally from Al Shajara village in Palestine.

The residents of Al Aedeinn camp in Homs are suffering of great difficulties practiced by members of the Syrian security detachment which implements campaigns of arrest, inspection, and auditing of IDs of passers between now and then. They also impose royalties which forces the residents to migrate outside the country.

Meanwhile, Palestinian activists reported that the pro-regime Alquds Brigades is not belonging to the Palestinian structure, and does not represent any camp or segment of the Palestinian community. The activists and a number of residents of Neirab camp in Aleppo confirmed that the number of Palestinian refugees who are fighting alongside Al-Quds brigades is less than 500 fighters, equivalent to 14% of its fighters, who are estimated with more than 3500 member, according to unofficial statistics.

The activists noted that the pro-regime brigade contains fighters from Aleppo city and its western and eastern suburb, Alshabah Alaswad brigade, Alqumsan Alsoud, and other fighters from other areas inn Syria, in addition to Palestinian refugees from Neirab and Handarat camps in Aleppo and Alraml camp in Lathakeia.

According to unofficial estimates, the number of victims among Al Quds brigades is nearly 500 fighters from different areas in Syria.



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It is referred that AL Quds Brigade in Al Nairab camp threats every young man who is reported or accused as being against the regime, where they arrest them or deal with them from security prospective of forcing them to join their brigade. It is noted that they arrested a lot of people from the camp under different pretexts.

AGPS insured that 436 Palestinian refugees died due to their fighting beside the Syrian Regime forces, where the AGPS published its statistical quarter report "13" that 160 refugee died due to fighting beside the PLA which forces everyone who reached 18 years old from the Palestinian refugees to join the PLA compulsory military service. 93 refugees from the PFGC died, where 35 refugees died due to fighting beside Al Quds brigade, which is a military group established in the northern of Syria loyal to the Syrian army and fighting beside the Army everywhere. Also 24 refugees died due to fighting beside Fath Al Intifada and 93 died fighting beside popular committees loyal to the Syrian Security departments, and 13 refugees died fighting beside the Syrian Opposition. It is mentioned that the AGPS published within its report detailed statistics about the victims and detainees and the distribution of the



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Palestinian Syrian refugees on the Arab countries, Turkey, and Europe due to the war in Syria.

In a different context, under the title of "Breaking down Stereotypes" UNRWA launched a photography competition funded by EU to all young Palestinians for the year 2016. UNRWA invited through its social media website all young Palestine refugees to challenge the complications and variety of the Palestine identity and trying new simple stereotypes through photography. UNRWA called all participants to look at the stereotypes that they see through mass media and addresses about the Palestinian refugees in the pictures-in regional and local levels- and to use creativity in reflecting that those pictures don't reflect reality.

UNRWA said that the Photography competition for this year insures that the Palestinian refugees are the best defenders for their own case through their private experience and to challenge the wrong understanding for their case as the so called saying" the Palestine refugees are not victims and they are really determining their fate". In the same context, the EU-UNRWA photography completion is an open invitation to all young Palestine refugees between 19-29 years to challenge stereotype through photography and show the world what it means to be a Palestine refugee and the photos should be new in 2016 and taken by the participant himself, moreover, the deadline for the competition is Monday 24th of October 2016 at 11:59 pm and the committee will not accept any photo after that. The photos will be judged by a committee of UNRWA, EU in addition to two professional Palestinian photographers and prizes will be distributed to winners.



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It is noted that the young Palestinian Refugee Neraz Saeed from Yarmouk camp won the prize in 2014 for his photo of the Three Angels. The Three Angel photo is for three brothers waiting their turn to get out of Yarmouk camp to get treatment out of it and their faces were full of waiting, fear, and exhaustion. Neraz was arrested by the Syrian regime after getting out of the camp to Damascus and till now no one knows his fate of the place of detention.



### Palestinians of Syria; Numbers and Statistics till 18\08\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
- 8000 Palestinian Syrian refugees are in Turkey
- 1000 Palestinian Syrian refugees are in Gaza
- More than 79,000 Palestinian Syrian refugees have reached Europe till mid 2016
- The Yarmouk Camp: siege, imposed by the Regular Army and PFGC groups, continued for 1158 consecutive days. Power cut



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continued for more than 1218 days, water was cut for 707 days respectively. The number of siege victims is 187.

- Al Sbeina Camp: Regular Army is still preventing the residents of the camp to return back to their houses for 1010 days respectively.
- Handarat Camp: All Residents have left the camp for about 1201 days after the Syrian Opposition Groups controlled it.
- Dara'a Camp: It is now almost 861 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.