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### Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria

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# "7 Refugees Sustain Injuries in Shelling Targeting Deraa Camp"



- UNRWA reopens Dalata/Beit Jibrin School in al-Sayida Zeinab camp.
- 80% of structures in Handarat refugee camp reduced to rubble.
- Al-Wafa launches campaign to amass aids for Khan al-Shih refugees.
- A Palestinian refugee student earns a Master's Degree with an honor from Damascus University.

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#### Latest Developments

The Syrian regime forces struck civilian targets at the Deraa camp for Palestinian refugees with two surface-to-surface missiles and mortar shells. Seven civilian refugees, including children and women, sustained injuries while civilian homes sustained material damage after the regime fighter aircrafts dropped an explosive cylinder on the camp.

AGPS on-the-spot correspondent spoke out against the poor health services in the camp due to the lack of first-aid kit, medicines, and emergency evacuation ambulances. The area has also been bereaved of clinics and medical centers.



Activists presaged an unabated propagation of lethal diseases as civilians taking shelter in the camp resorted to contaminated water to hose down their thirst.

Moving northwards, preliminary ballpark figures on the latest round of warfare at the Handarat refugee camp reckoned that over 80% of Handarat structures have been subject to total or partial destruction as a

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result of the heavy spates of projectiles and explosive barrels unleashed by the Syrian regime forces. Meanwhile, simmering hit-and-run attacks between the pro-regime militias and the opposition forces have been taking place on and off in the area.

Live snapshots leaked from the camp mirrored the massive havoc wreaked on civilian homes. Armed opposition outfits were also forced to cede the floor to the regime squads and their paramilitary ally al-Quds Brigade.

At the same time, Palestinian refugees who have been dislocated from the frayed Handarat camp since 1,263 days sounded distress signals as they found themselves living rough on the streets after the armed opposition forces seized the camp. The put-out-of-place Palestinians have been struggling for survival in the midst of a calamitous situation. Such a tragic state of affairs has gone far worse after refugees received notifications to evacuate housing unit No. 9 near Aleppo university grounds.



In another development, UNRWA restarted classes at the Japanesesponsored Dalata/Beit Jibrin School at al-Sayida Zeinab camp in the

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Damascene suburbs following reconstruction works. Sometime earlier, the school, along with other civilian structures and institutions, were devastated by broiling confrontations, arbitrary blitzes, and unbroken exchange of machinegun fire between the Syrian regime allies and opposition outfits.

Founded in 1993, the Dalata/Beit Jibrin basic school accommodates up to 1,364 learners. The school is equipped with a club, an IT laboratory, and a science lab.



In the meantime, the Al-Wafa European Campaign launched calls to raise relief funds for Khan Al-Shih refugees. A so-called "Children of Khan Al-Shih Camp Cry for Help" campaign kicked off in an attempt to speak up for Palestinians taking refuge in an area that has been grappling with a tough blockade for over a couple of weeks, along with nonstop bombardment and acute dearth in medical kit and basic foodstuff.

The campaigners called for rallying round the Khan Al-Shih refuges so as to assuage their plight before it is too late.

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A beam of hope emerged, meanwhile, in the Yarmouk camp after the Palestinian refugee Nour Ziad al-Kadhi earned a Master's Degree in Information Science from the Faculty of Arts and Humanities of Damascus with an honor. Nour was honored after she defended a thesis entitled "Online Publication Rights: Problems and Keys".



Nour is among dozens of other Palestinian refugees who have taken it upon their shoulders to pursue their academic career and make their dreams come true in the midst of a reckless war. Difficulties in catching means of transport and paying for transportation fees are an everyday issue. Dozens have found no other way out than to go on foot for thousands of miles, risking to lose their lives on their way to school due to the abrupt onslaughts. Others, however, could only attend classes once or twice a week due to the aforementioned inconveniences.

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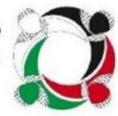


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#### Palestinians of Syria: October 18, 2016 Statistics:

- There are 15,500 Palestinian-Syrian refugees in Jordan.
- 42,500 Palestinian-Syrian refugees are in Lebanon.
- 6,000 Palestinian-Syrian refugees are sheltered in Egypt, according to UNRWA figures covering the period from July 2016 backwards.
- •8,000 Palestinian-Syrian refugees are taking shelter in Turkey.
- 1,000 Palestinian-Syrian refugees reside in the blockaded Gaza Strip.
- Over 79,000 Palestinian Syrian refugees fled to Europe until mid 2016.
- Yarmouk refugee camp has been blockaded by the Syrian regime army and Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine General Command PFLP-GC for 1,218 days in a row. Electricity and water supplies have been cut off, respectively, for 1,279 days and 738 days. The number of those killed due to the blockade has hit 190.
- Sbiena refugee camp: Refugees could not go back to their homes as a result of the blockade slapped by the Syrian regime forces since 1,071 days running.
- Handarat refugee camp: All refugees left the camp since 1,263 days after opposition outfits grabbed hold of the area.
- Deraa refugee camp: Water has been cut off for 921 consecutive days while 70% of its buildings have been knocked down.
- Homs camp, Hama camp, Jaramana camp, al-Sayda Zeinab camp, Al-Raml camp: A of State of relative calm has been reported in the abovementioned areas. However, economic crises have been on the rise.

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• Khan al-Shih refugee camp: All access roads to the camp have been closed off, except for the Zakia-Khan Al-Shih passageway.