

## التقرير اليومي الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية

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

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"Amnesty International Finishes its Training Course in Istanbul, with Attendance of AGPS"



- AGPS: 693 Palestinian Refugees Died in Syria on 2014, 461 of them Died in the First Half, and 262 Died in the Second Half.
- Shelling and Clashes on the Day 563 of Siege.
- Artillery Shell Targets Al Muzaireib Town.
- SA Arrests a Number of Khan Al Sheih Residents.
- UNRWA Waits for the Syrian Foreign Affairs Permission to Enter Al Husseneia Camp.
- Palestinians of Syria Committee In Lebanon Implements a Chanting Ceremony at Al Bidawy Camp.
- UNRWA Refill the ATM of the Palestinian Syrian Refugees Displaced in Lebanon.

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## The Action Group for Palestinians of Syria

Amnesty International finished its human rights course, which was held at Istanbul city in Turkey from 14 to 18th of January 2015, the course, that was attended by three researchers of the AGPS, included a lot of human rights issues, most important is the kinds and conditions of violations, and the documentation and its principles according to the standards that are commensurate with the use of evidence in international courts, and save all kinds of evidence, interviewing and security standards and precautions, while the course devoted a whole chapter to shed light on the importance of international law and the Geneva Conventions, and violations against women.

The AGPS, which is based in the British capital, monitoring and documenting the victims, detainees and missing people in Syria, in addition monitoring daily field events in the Palestinian camps, that are subjected to siege and targeting. The AGPS issued several special reports addressing aspects of the Palestinians of Syria suffering in details, and also documenting human rights violations towards the Palestinian refugees at all levels, regions, and countries of the new Asylum.

The Amnesty International is an international organization based in London, founded by the English man Mr. Peter Benenson, as it has taken upon itself the most important role in the protection of human rights and focuses its activities on the prisoners in particular, it also seeks to liberate prisoners of conscience, as the organization strongly opposes the death penalty, torture, or any another form of inhuman or degrading punishments treatment of prisoners.

#### **Statistics**

Monitoring and documentation team in the AGPS revealed that "693" Palestinian refugees died in Syria on 2014, including "461" victim died in the first half, and "262" in the second half.

The group pointed out that during the first half of 2014, 461 Palestinian refugees in Syria died, including 219 in the Yarmouk refugee camp, 23 in Damascus and its suburbs, 10 refugees from Al Aedein camp in Homs, 16 from Khan Al Sheih camp, 26 from Deraa camp, 8 from Jaramana camp,



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15 refugees from Muzeireeb town, 8 from Adra area in Damascus suburb, 6 from Al Neirab camp, 6 from Al Raml camp in Latakia, 3 refugees from Al Aedein camp in Homs, 5 from Khan Dannun camp, 5 from Handarat camp, and 3 from Al Husseneia camp.

The monitoring and documentation team of the AGPS documented the names of 262 Palestinian refugees, who died in the second half of 2014, (78) from the Yarmouk refugee camp and Al Hajar Al Aswad area an average of, 75 victims inside the Yarmouk camp, and three in Al Hajar Al Aswad, as (30) refugees died in Damascus and its suburbs.

The group showed that the number of Palestinian refugees who have died because of the continued war in Syria has reached "2606" victim.

### **Recent Updates**

A number of shells were dropped at the Yarmouk camp in Damascus, targeted several areas, as one shell was dropped at Haifa Street 2nd avenue and resulted only in material damages. The shelling coincided with violent clashes broke out at the Yarmouk municipality crossing at Palestine street between the SRA alongside with the Palestinian groups and the Armed opposition.



Meanwhile, SRA snipers targeted the Yarmouk main street, which led to the suspension of entering food aids, while the institutions in the Yarmouk camp renewed its warning about the humanitarian catastrophe that may



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occur in the besieged camp due to the lack of food and the high prices of food supplies, similarly as to the starvation crises that occurred previously and led to the death of 160 victims due to starvation and lack of medical care.

Artillery shelling targeted Al Muzaireb town in Daraa governorate south of Syria, which is inhabit by about 8500 Palestinian refugee, as the shelling resulted in some injuries. Meanwhile, the residents complain of severe living crises due to the high prices, lack of water, and the continuous power cut for long periods.



Some injuries in AlMuzaireb town

The Syrian security and army forces arrested a number of Khan Al Sheih residents in Damascus suburb, after the members of Tayyar checkpoints, that is located at Al Kiswa area, stopped the transportations and arrested the youth, and led some of them to unknown destination. It is mentioned that the Syrian security and army forces continue to arrest the youth of the camp, while the AGPS documented the names of 56 detainees since the beginning of the war events in Syria.

On the other hand, UNRWA applied to the Syrian foreign affairs and wait for its permission to enter Al Husseneia camp to resume its work and prepare schools, hospitals, and infrastructure that was provided to the refugees for preparing the return of Al Husseneia residents.

The reconciliation committee of Al Husseneia camp said that it implemented several meetings with manager of UNRWA operations in



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Syria Michal Kingzli to search the camp and the UNRWA work issue. He also added that there are daily follow-ups by the UNRWA about the preparation of Al Husseneia residents return; Syrians and Palestinian refugees.

This comes within the SA approval to the workshops of Al Husseneia municipalities of Al Qunaitra province to enter the camp, and to start the maintain process for water and power networks, and for schools, for preparing the return of Al Husseneia residents to their homes. Mr. Ahmed Muneir, consultant of the national reconciliation ministry, criticized, previously, the delay of the residents return, said "there is no justification for the delay of the return of Hujaira, Husseneia, and Theiabeia residents to their homes.

Mr. Ahmed accused the province and the concerned institutions at these areas of carelessness, while the SRA entered Al Husseneia camp backed with members of Fatah-Intifada and the Palestinian struggle front on October 2013. They expel all remaining residents and there are about 42000 Palestinian refugees, and 30000 Syrians are still homeless outside Al Husseneia camp, and were prevented to return back by the SAF within suffering and several crises.

#### Lebanon

Under the title of "Victory by Youth", the Palestinians of Syria Committee in Lebanon implemented, on Sunday, 18th of January 2015, a chanting ceremony at Al Bidawi camp in the Lebanese city of Tripoli, in the occasion of the birth of prophet Mohammed "peace be upon him".



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The ceremony was attended a huge crowd of the Palestinians of Syria displaced to Lebanon, in addition to some notables from Al Bidawi camp. The ceremony ended with honoring some students by the committee. Meanwhile, the committee resumes, for the second day respectively, its contribution of distributing new and used winter clothes, fuel, and blankets, which are provided by the campaign of "Winter Warming" to the Palestinian Syrian families displaced at Biqaa area.

On the other hand, the UNRWA refilled the ATM of the Palestinian refugees from Syria, who wrote down their information till 30th of June 2014. It is worth mentioning that UNRWA has suspended the financial aids to hundreds of Palestinian families since the beginning of December 2014. The UNRWA clarified that the statistics done by its employers in order to collect information about the economic and social status of each family who displaced from Syria to Lebanon, estimated the number with 44,000 refugees after it was 51,000 refugees.

## The Palestinian Camps in Syria, Numbers and Statistics till 19/1/2015

- At least 27933 Palestinian Syrian refugees have reached Europe during the last 4 years.
- 2602 Palestinian refugees were documented by the AGPS including 157 women, 286 were killed due to torture, 267 were killed by sniper shot, 84 refugees were field executed, and 986 refugees were killed due to bombing.
- The Yarmouk Camp: Siege, imposed by the Regular Army and PFGC, continued for 563 days respectively. In addition, power cuts continued for more than 643 days, water was cut for 133 days respectively. The number of victims due to the siege has reached 160 victims.
- 80,000 Palestinian Syrian refugees escaped from Syria to the neighboring towns, including 14348 refugees in Jordan, 42,000 in Lebanon, according to UNRWA statistics till November 2014.
- Al Husayneyya Camp: Regular Army is still preventing the residents of the camp to return back to their houses for 465 days respectively.



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- Al Sheina Camp: Regular Army is still preventing the residents of the camp to return back to their houses for 434 days respectively.
- Handarat Camp: Residents have left the camp for 636 days after the Syrian Opposition Groups controlled it.
- Dara'a Camp: It is now almost 280 days without water and 70% of its buildings were demolished.
- Jermana, AL Saieda ZAinab, Al Raml, Al Aedein Ca mps in Homs and Hamma: A relatively quiet situation 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 Sheih road.