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"Families of Missing Palestinians Subjected to Blackmailing
Over Appeals for Information"



- Shelling Rocks Palestinian Neighborhoods in Daraa
- Palestinian Refugee Abd AlSalam AlHasan Held in Syrian Jail
- Intensive Course to Be Held for Palestinian Students in Yalda

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Latest Developments

The families of over 1,185 Palestinian refugees listed as kidnapped or missing in war-torn Syria have been blackmailed over their appeals for information.

Hundreds of families have paid large sums of money of up to \$2,000 to brokers or so-called "detainees trader gangs" comprising government officers and affiliates to get any piece of information about their missing relatives.



Other persons who wanted to know whether their missing relatives are still alive or not said they have been forced to pay as much as \$10,000 to senior government officials.

The families hardly ever receive the required pieces of information and the traffickers never show up again as soon as they are paid.

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In another development, an onslaught was launched by the Syrian fighter jets on Daraa AlBalad and AlSadd Road, housing dozens of Palestinian families. Heavy material damage was inflicted on civilian homes.

AlSadd Road is home to hundreds of Palestinian families, along with several other families displaced from the beleaguered Daraa Camp.



Hundreds fled their shelters as the government forces have stepped up offensives on opposition-led areas in southern Syria.

Meanwhile, Palestinian refugee Abd AlSalam Daham has been held in Syrian government penitentiaries for the third year running.



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Daham was kidnapped from a government checkpoint in Hama. His family and friends continue to appeal for information.

AGPS documented the internment of 1,186 Palestinian refugees in Syrian government lock-ups, among whom 87 female refugees.

In the meantime, the local committee for the Palestinians of Syria in Yarmouk Camp announced the launch of an intensive course for secondary and preparatory school enrollees.

The committee said on its official website that students who may wish to join the course are required to register at AlTaki institute between Yalda and Bibila from 10:00 a.m. to 05:00 p.m.

School drop-outs among the Palestinian students in war-torn Syria have been on the rise due to the tough cordons and deadly hostilities rocking Palestinian refugee camps and communities.

Palestinians of Syria: April 20, 2017 Statistics:

- At least 3,481 Palestinians, including 455 women, were killed in war-torn Syria.
- 1,185 Palestinian refugees, including 86 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 1,372 days in a row.
- 195 Palestinians died of undernourishment and medical neglect in the blockaded Yarmouk Camp.

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- Water supplies cut off in Deraa and Yarmouk camps respectively for 1,103 and 954 days.
- Residents of Handarat Camp, in Aleppo, denied access to their homes for 1,447 days. Government battalions have been holding sway over the camp for more than 181 days.
- Nearly 85,000 Palestinian Syrian refugees fled to Europe until mid 2016.
- 31,000 Palestinians from Syria are housed in Lebanon.
- 17,000 Palestinians from Syria 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.