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"We are the Voice of the Camp" Campaign Kicks off by
Activists for Khan Al-Shih camp"



- Resident of Al-Raml camp killed in Aleppo clashes.
- Delivery of bread loafs in Yarmouk camp.
- Military noose tightened around neck of Al-Sayida Zeinab refugees, with ongoing reports about simmering economic crises.
- Al-Abdullah Palestinian family held captive by Syrian security devices for three years.

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Victims

Fierce fighting in Aleppo takes away the life of the Palestinian refugee Ibrahim Mohamed Khalil, a resident of Al-Raml camp for Palestinian refugees and a member of the pro-regime Quds Brigade-Latakia Unit.



Latest Developments

A so-called "We Are the Voice of the Camp" campaign was launched by Palestinian activists and journalists in 1948 Occupied Palestine and the West Bank in solidarity with the Palestinian refugees in war-battered Syria.

The campaigners called for ceasing bloodshed against and coerced displacement of the Palestinians of Syria.

The activists launched calls to mobilize support for the Khan Al-Shih camp, where Palestinian refugees have been the permanent targets of unabated onslaughts.

The activists further pushed for urgent actions to stop the reckless attacks against civilians and the infrastructure, lift the blockade, and dispatch



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humanitarian aid to the camp, most notably medicine and milk for newborns.

They further spoke up against underway attempts to drag Palestinian refugee camps, namely Khan Al-Shih, into the ongoing warfare. Such attempts have serious repercussions on Palestinians' right of return to their homeland-Palestine.

The activists denounced the unwarranted use of armed force and the massive bombardment on such a space-limited and arm-free area, which they believe stems from a preplanned attempt to dislocate the refugee residents, wipe out Palestinians' presence in Syria at one fell swoop, and cede the floor to new residents allied with the incumbent Syrian regime.



The campaigners said such schemes of ethnic cleansing against the Palestinians have been applauded by the Israeli occupation entity. As time has passed by, such a colonizing entity has tried every possible effort to eradicate next-door refugee communities, most notably those sheltered in the bordering Khan Al-Shih camp. Located some 60 meters away from



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1948 Occupied Palestine, the camp has been a home to several antioccupation fighters over the past decades.

The campaign urged the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) to draw on its diplomatic channels and long-standing bonds with the Russian Federation so as to push Moscow to halt its torrential blitzkriegs on Khan Al-Shih.

The activists called on the PLO to urge the UNRWA to take up its responsibilities vis-à-vis the beleaguered Palestinian refugees in Khan Al-Shih and to try to reach out to the Yarmouk and Deraa camps at the soonest time possible.

Moving southwards, 3,000 bread packages were delivered by the National Commission for the Relief of the Palestinian People to the Yarmouk camp and the adjacent towns of Yalda, Babila, and Beit Sahem, in rural Damascus.



AGPS quoted one of the commission's staff members as stating that bread loafs are usually handed out to the displaced civilians sheltered in the camp and its adjacent areas on Saturday and Wednesday every week.



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The Syrian Red Crescent had suspended distribution of bread packs in the area following a dispute with the Yarmouk commission over the quality and quantity of distributed bread.

In a related development, ISIS outfits and Fateh al-Sham Front squads, formerly known as the Al-Nusra Front, have grabbed hold of the Yarmouk camp, which has been subjected to a tough blockade slapped by the regime militias and Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine - General Command PFLP-GC for 1,220 days running. Power blackouts have also been a daily issue in Yarmouk, where at least 190 refugees died as a result of undernourishment and lack of medical care.

The situation has been no less tragic in the Damascus-based Al-Sayida Zeinab refugee camp, controlled by the Syrian regime and their coconspirators. The dire socio-economic crisis paired with the random barricades pitched by the Syrian regime forces, have led to a sharp nosedive in the refugees' purchasing power. Hunting for a livelihood to feed their children and families, several refugees have moved overseas while others have been forced to work for the civil committees allied with the Syrian army in and around the poverty-stricken Al-Sayida Zeinab camp.

Located near the metropolitan city of Damascus, Al-Sayida Zeinab has been relatively characterized by a state of calm over the past few months. On February 21, a horrendous massacre struck the camp as over 100 civilians were slaughtered by a gargantuan blast. AGPS documented the death of 40 Palestinian casualties in the onslaught.



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Meanwhile, alarm bells have been sounded over the unknown fate of several Palestinian refugee families who have been kidnapped by the Syrian regime troops. The list of missing families includes the Mouloud Khaled Al-Abdullah family, kidnapped on July 27, 2013 at a regime checkpoint in Nisreen Street, in the nearby Al-Tadhamun neighborhood.

The family's 73-year-old father, Khalid Al-Abdullah, has been diagnosed with cardiovascular diseases while the mother, Dheiba, 65, is a diabetic. Al-Abdullah family members Ilham, 48, Anaam, 33, Yasmeen, 39, along with the latter's six-year-old kid Abada, have all gone missing so far.

Unverified reports said the family is being held captive by pro-regime abettors in Al-Tadhamun quarter. Others said the Al-Abdullah family members are locked up in a regime penitentiary in Damascus. The family's actual fate remains, however, mysterious.

According to AGPS data, 1,114 Palestinians, including 75 women, are incarcerated in regime jails. 452 Palestinian refugees were, meanwhile, tortured to death in those penal complexes.

Palestinians of Syria: October 20, 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 2015 backwards.
- 8,000 Palestinian-Syrian refugees are taking shelter in Turkey.



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- 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 1,220 days in a row. Electricity and water supplies have been cut off, respectively, for 1,281 days and 740 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 1,073 days running.
- Handarat refugee camp: All refugees left the camp since 1,265 days after opposition outfits grabbed hold of the area.
- Deraa refugee camp: Water has been cut off for 923 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.
- Khan al-Shih refugee camp: All access roads to the camp have been closed off, except for the Zakia-Khan Al-Shih passageway.