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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria

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"On Universal Children's Day: 211 Palestinian Refugee
Children Killed since Outbreak of Hostilities in
Beleaguered Syria"



- 2 Palestinian refugees killed while fighting alongside Syrian regime army
- 60 barrel bombs dropped on environs of Khan Al-Sheih Camp
- Ex-detainee confirms death of Palestinian refugee due to torture in Syrian lock-ups

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Victims

The Palestinian refugee Mohamed Hassan was killed while fighting alongside the Syrian government battalions in deadly clashes with Syrian rebels in rural Damascus.

Another Palestinian refugee, Jalal Azou Sleiman, sheltered in Yarmouk Camp, also died while he was engaged in pro-regime fights against opposition outfits in Khan Al-Sheih, in Damascus western outskirts.



Latest Developments

A report issued by AGPS on the occasion of Children's Universal Day, marked annually on November 20, kept record of the death of 211 Palestinian refugee children in war-torn Syria until September 2016. Shelling, sniper fire, clashes, the blockade, and drowning onboard immigration boats topped the list of the leading causes of death.

The data pointed out that 24 children died due to the tight blockade imposed by the Syrian government militias and the Popular Front for the

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Liberation of Palestine – General Command on the Yarmouk Camp, in southern Syria.

Sworn affidavits by ex-detainees confirmed the presence of toddlers swung in their moms' arms in Syrian prisons and whose fates have remained shrouded in mystery.



Thousands of other children have, meanwhile, been grappling with the calamitous upshots of the siege on Yarmouk and Khan Al-Sheih camps, along with other shelters in southern Syria. 3,000 children are on the verge of death in blockaded Khan Al-Sheih due to medical neglect and undernourishment.

Thousands of children in Yarmouk Camp and southern Syria have gone orphaned after they lost one or both of their parents in the deadly warfare or due to the blockade imposed by the government squads on the main accessroads out of and into the area.

At the same time, thousands of Palestinian children have been denied the right to education or bereaved of attending classes due to the heavy blitzes rocking refugee schools in Yarmouk, Khan Al-Sheih, and Deraa.

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The latest round of such attacks occurred on November 17, 2016, when fighter aircrafts targeted the UNRWA school in Khan Al-Sheih shelter.

ISIS outfits also shut down schools in Yarmouk Camp, blockaded by the Syrian regime and its Palestinian abettors.

Several Palestinian-Syrian children taking refuge in Lebanon and Turkey dropped out of school as they sought out livelihoods to feed themselves and their starved families in light of the reluctance maintained by the UNRWA and the international community vis-à-vis their tragic state of affairs.

Warfare in Syria has also had traumatic fallouts on Palestinian refugee children in and outside Syria. Post-traumatic stress disorders, mental psychosis, sleeplessness and nightmares, eating disorders, and intense fear have all been among the symptoms with which Palestinian children have been diagnosed.

On the occasion of Children's Universal Day, AGPS renews its calls to the international community, human rights institutions, UNICEF, UNRWA, and all concerned bodies, to work on protecting Palestinian children in embattled Syria.

AGPS also calls on the Syrian regime and all warring parties to immediately cease fire and stop offensives on refugee schools and structures.

AGPS also appeals to Lebanon, Jordan, Egypt, and Turkey to urgently step in and take immediate action so as to assuage the tragedy endured

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by Palestinian children who fled war-ragged Syria and took refuge in the aforementioned states.

Reporting from Damascus western outskirts, AGPS correspondent said the Syrian government battalions on Friday targeted the environs of Khan Al-Sheih Camp with over 64 barrels bombs and 56 surface-to-surface missiles. Hundreds of artillery and mortar shells were also slammed into the area.

AGPS has sounded the alarm over the tragic humanitarian situation endured by 12,000 civilians, including 3,000 children, in Khan Al-Sheih Camp due to the blockade imposed by the regime squads for a couple of months. An acute dearth in basic foodstuff, life-saving medicines, and children's milk has added fuel to fire.



In another development, AGPS reporters quoted an ex-detainee released from 235 Palestine Branch prison as stating that he had met the Palestinian refugee Rami al-Sahli before and after his death in jail in May 2014.

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The newly-released detainee said al-Sahli died of a stroke he caught due to the dire detention circumstances in Syrian penitentiaries.

Affidavits released by ex-detainees testified to the incarceration of children, women, and elderly refugees in Syrian government lock-ups.

AGPS documented the death of 1,129 Palestinian refugees in Syrian prison, among whom 80 female refugees who have had an unknown fate. Meanwhile, 454 refugees were tortured to death in those penal complexes.

Palestinians of Syria: November 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.
- 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 1,251 days in a row. Electricity and water supplies have been cut off, respectively, for 1,310 days and 771 days. The number of those killed due to the blockade has hit 190.

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- Sbiena refugee camp: Refugees could not go back to their homes as a result of the blockade slapped by the Syrian regime forces since 1,104 days running.
- Handarat refugee camp: All refugees left the camp since 1,296 days after opposition outfits grabbed hold of the area.
- Deraa refugee camp: Water has been cut off for 954 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-Sheih refugee camp: All access roads out of and into the camp have been closed off by the Syrian regime army for 53 days running.