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"Violent Shelling Rocks Palestinian Shelters in Deraa"



- Civil Consultative meeting seeks ways out of crisis endured by Palestinians in southern Damascus
- Palestine Charity continues to secure water for Palestinian refugees in southern Damascus
- 6 Palestinians killed in war-torn Syrian since start of 2017
- Situation of Palestinians of Syria exacerbated by difficulties in securing graves for slain siblings

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Latest Developments

The Syrian government battalions on Saturday struck the Al-Sadd Road, in southern Syria, and Deraa Al-Balad neighborhoods with heavy spates of artillery shells, resulting in remarkable material damage on civilian homes. A state of panic also swamped children and women in the area.



Palestinian refugees in southern Syria have set off alarm bells over the brunt of the unbearable socio-economic and security conditions overwhelming such refugee camps as Deraa.

Unabated shelling on Deraa shelter took away the lives of several Palestinians and reduced 70% of civilian buildings to rubble.

Meanwhile, a consultative meeting was held in southern Damascus on Saturday between civil society delegates and Palestinian activists as part of underway intents to seek possible ways-out of the crises endured by Palestinian refugees in southern Syria.

The meeting culminated in agreements to combine forces and draw on available talents and skills so as to tone down the calamitous state of affairs.

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At the same time, the Palestine Charity Commission in southern Damascus has maximized its relief services to the Palestinian refugees displaced from Yarmouk and seeking a safer shelter in the adjacent towns of Yalda, Beit Sahem, and Babilla.

The charity has been striving to secure water for the displaced Palestinian refugees on a daily basis.

In a related development, Palestinian refugees in Syria have been enduring a situation of unparalleled intricacy in their attempt to secure graves to bury their slain relatives.

Torn from the nourishment of home and the warmth of family, Palestinian refugees have been overburden with an exhaustive permit-acquisition process and steep burial costs.



In Damascus, Palestinians have been made to rent graves in Al-Halaka Cemetery at \$800 per every diseased body and for a period of no more than three years. As soon as three-year period passes by, the family has to either renew the lease or else to transfer the body to another graveyard.

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In the Damascus cemetery of Al-Bab Al-Saghir the rental fee per every tomb has gone up as high as \$1,100.

Overwhelmed by the brunt of poverty and unemployment, Palestinian families in Syria have often appealed to the Palestinian Embassy in Damascus to urge the Syrian authorities and armed factions to give the go-ahead to their pleas to burn their deceased relatives inside refugee shelters.

Local activists said the crisis has not been worked out despite the efforts made sporadically by the Palestinian Embassy to reach out to the concerned authorities.

Along the same line, AGPS documented the death of six Palestinian refugees in Syria since the start of 2017 due to war-related incidents.

AGPS news correspondent identified the casualties as Deraa resident Yasmeen Abdullah Daoud, killed in Beir Al-Kasab area, in northeastern Al-Suweidaa province, near Damascus borders, while on her way to Syria's northern city of Al-Riqa.

Palestinian refugee Abdul Rahman Al-Sukri, a resident of Yarmouk, succumbed to bullet wounds inflicted by an ISIS sniper. Al-Sukri breathed his last on the outskirts of Yalda town, adjacent to Yarmouk.

Meanwhile, Palestinian nurse Ibrahim Ali Al-Sheikh Tayeh, housed in Tel Shehab, died in a wildfire that broke out at a local hospital in Tel Shehab town, in Deraa's western suburbs.

Palestinian refugee Wissan Mahmoud Al-Shehabi, from the progovernment Palestine Liberation Army (PLA), was killed in bloody

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clashes with the opposition outfits in Mahaja village, in Deraa's northern suburbs.

PLA fighter Khaled Mohamed Dhaher died in clashes with the government forces and opposition battalions in Eastern Al-Ghouta.

AGPS identified the sixth casualty as Adnan Mohamed Khalil, killed in clashes between the pro-regime National Defense troops and armed forces in Yarmouk shelter.

Palestinians of Syria: January 22, 2017 Statistics:

- At least 3,422 Palestinians, including 455 women, were killed in war-torn Syria.
- 1,146 Palestinian refugees, including 81 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 1,313 days in a row.
- 190 Palestinians died of undernourishment and medical neglect in the blockaded Yarmouk Camp.
- Water supplies cut off in Deraa and Yarmouk camps respectively for 1,017 and 830 days.
- Residents of Handarat Camp, in Aleppo, denied access to their homes for 1,360 days. Government battalions have been holding sway over the camp for more than 93 days.

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- Government troops ban residents of Al-Sbiena Camp from returning to their homes for 1,166 days running.
- Over 79,000 Palestinian Syrian refugees fled to Europe until mid 2016.
- 31,000 Palestinians from Syria are housed in Lebanon.
- 17 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.