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"ISIS Gears Up to Leave Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian Refugees"



- ISIS, Jaysh AlIslam Swap Captives South of Damascus
- 3 Palestinian Relatives Held in Syrian Jails Since 2013
- Rally in Daraa Camp in Solidarity with Palestinian Detainees in Israeli Jails
- Free Medical Day to Be Held for Palestinians from Syria in Sidon

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Latest Developments

On-the-spot observers in Yarmouk Camp, south of Damascus, said ISIS militias have been evacuating their sites in the area. At the same time, a number of ISIS fighters have retreated to AlHajar AlAswad stronghold. Reports have also emerged on the retreat of a number of ISIS-affiliated families to nearby towns.



Meanwhile, ISIS has put up its belongings for sale in the Uruba market, in Yarmouk Camp. Activists warned that the items on the market might have been stolen by ISIS from civilian homes.

The first batch of ISIS fighters is expected to retreat to ISIS strongholds east of Syria in the next few days.

In a related development, a prisoner swap deal was reportedly struck on Sunday between ISIS and Jaysh AlIslam at the Uruba-Beirut Street checkpoint in Yarmouk. Abu Firas AlShami, from Jaysh AlIslam, was released by ISIS in exchange for two fighters.

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The first such swap deal occurred on January 18, 2016 and culminated in the release of 11 ISIS affiliates and 11 civilians sheltered in southern Damascus, including the journalist Qays AlShami.

In the meantime, three members of the Palestinian AlJamal family have been held in Syrian jails since 2013. The detainees were kidnapped from the AlSbeina checkpoint on August 29, 2013.



The detainees' family, a native of the occupied West Bank, continues to appeal for information.

AGPS urges the Syrian government to disclose the names and fates of thousands of Palestinian refugees held captive in its penitentiaries.

AGPS documented the incarceration of 1,603 Palestinians in Syrian lockups.

In the meantime, a rally was staged on Sunday by the General Commission for Palestinian Refugees-Daraa Office, in partnership with

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Masir Group, in support for the Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails and for the Palestinian and Syrian detainees in Syrian lock-ups.

The rally-goers spoke up for the prisoners' cause and called on the international community to take up its duties as regards thousands of Palestinians tortured in Israeli jails.



In another development, AlBunyan Clinic in the southern Lebanese city of Sidon declared Tuesday a free medical day for the displaced Palestinian and Syrian refugees diagnosed with digestive disorders, among other diseases.

The move makes part of underway attempts to assuage the crises endured by the Palestinian and Syrian refugees fleeing war-torn Syria to Lebanon.

According to unofficial data, the number of Palestinians from Syria in Lebanon has shrunk back to 33,000 due to the vulnerable legal and social conditions they have been subjected to in the Lebanese territories.

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Palestinians of Syria: May 22, 2017 Statistics:

- At least 3,501 Palestinians, including 461 women, were killed in war-torn Syria.
- 1,603 Palestinian refugees, including 99 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 1,403 days in a row.
- 196 Palestinians died of undernourishment and medical neglect in the blockaded Yarmouk Camp.
- Water supplies cut off in Deraa and Yarmouk camps respectively for 1,134 and 985 days.
- Residents of Handarat Camp, in Aleppo, denied access to their homes for 1,478 days. Government battalions have been holding sway over the camp for more than 212 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.