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"Shelling on Khan Eshieh Camp, and Al-Yarmouk's Displaced Families in Yalda Town Stress their Right to Return"



- The AGPS monitors the education sector in Al-Aideen camp in Homs City.
- Drowning of eleven immigrants including three children while trying to reach Greece by sea.
- Al-Wafaa Campaign continues distributing aid in Lebanon and Turkey

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RECENT UPDATES

Khan Eshieh Camp in Damascus Suburb has been shelled by several mortar shells targeted different places, and according to the AGPS' correspondent; the shelling hit the eastern neighborhood of the camp and Al-Reda Street while another shell hit Al-Jalil driving school, the shelling which resulted with no injuries coincided with warplanes nonstop over flights.

It is noted that the residents of the camp are suffering from harsh living conditions due to the deterioration of the security status.



In South of Damascus, the "Palestine Charity Association" and "Jenin Sport Club" and "Jenin Scout Group" organized a public sit-in in the third anniversary of the Yarmouk's Nakba or so called "MiG Massacre" under the title of "The Yarmouk's Black Day". In the event which witnessed a massive participation the people of Yarmouk stressed that they will never give up their right to return back to Al-Yarmouk camp and to Palestine as well.

It is noteworthy that most of the Yarmouk's residents had fled the camp right after the Syrian warplanes hit Abdul_Qader Al-Husayni Mosque in

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2012 which resulted in tens of victims and injuries and followed by the displacement of most residents, and then, the rest of people were displaced also after ISIS took control of the camp last April. For the time being, only few thousands of residents remained inside the camp under the control of ISIS and Al-Nusra Front and under the siege imposed by the Syrian Regime's Army and its militias.



In a separated context; the AGPS has monitored the education sector inside Al-Aideen camp in Homs City and its obstacles, where most people believe in the necessity of education and consider it as a major goal, with an estimated literacy rate at 95% of the total population completed the secondary schools.

Inside the camp, there are six schools; two secondary schools: "Al-Shajara" and "Al-amla", and four elementary schools: "Al-Jish", "Ras Al-Ahmar", "Dier Al-Assad" and "Al-Barweh", in addition to three kindergartens which are "Al-Awda of UNRWA's", "Zuhour Al-Yaseen of Hamas Movement", and "Baraim Al-Aqsa of the Teachers' Union". Regarding the high school and university levels they are exclusively operated by the officials of Syrian Government.

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In 2015-2016 academic year; the education sector witnessed a major drop as a result of many factors such as the migration of expert teachers towards Europe in pursuit of safety especially after the notable raise of persecution and arrests and harassments which pushed them to fled despite the privileges they had enjoyed such as the high salaries of UNRWA's.

This situation led to hiring less expert teachers to fill the shortfall, such as the fresh graduates who were not subjected to higher qualification courses and were not sufficiently trained to use the modern educational skills. That pushed many students to join private institutes which put more loads over the families' burdens.

TURKEY

News Agencies referred to the downing of 11 immigrants including 3 children while 7 others survived off the coasts of Greek Kosh Island after sinking of a boat carrying immigrants from Turkey.

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The Agencies added; the Turkish coastguard continues the search operations in the incident's area with the help of helicopters.

It is noteworthy that immigration phenomenon continues even during the winter season and despite the high level of sea waves, while hundreds of other immigrants are still waiting their turn to ride the sea via so called "Death Boats" to reach the Greece lands and to head to western Europe later on.



CIVIL SOCIETY WORKS

Al-Wafaa European Campaign continues its project "Together for Warm Winter" by providing its services to displaced Palestinian-Syrians to Lebanon. According to the Campaign officials; they visited Burj Al-Barajneh Camp in Beirut Lebanon and provided residents there cash and in-kind support including washing machines, blankets, and food baskets.

The Campaign also provided food aid and firewood bags to Palestinian-Syrians in Kahraman Marash in south of Turkey.

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It is noteworthy that Al-Wafaa European campaign provided relief and aid to Palestinian families in Lebanon and Turkey and Jordan and inside Syria in many places such as the besieged camp of Yarmouk.

Palestinians of Syria in numbers and Statistics until 22 December 2015

- 15500 Palestinian Syrian refugees in Jordan, 45,000 Palestinian Syrian refugees in Lebanon, and 6,000 refugees in Egypt, according to the UNRWA's statistics till July 2015.
- More than 36,000 Palestinian Syrian refugees have arrived Europe during the last 4 years.
- The Yarmouk Camp: still under siege imposed by the Syrian Regime's Army and PFLP-GC (Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine General Command), continued for 904 days respectively. In addition, power cuts continued for more than 974 days, water cut for 464 days. The number of victims due to the siege has reached to 184 victims.
- Al Sheina Camp: Syrian Regime's Army still preventing the residents from returning back to their houses for 765 days respectively.
- Handarat Camp: All of its residents have left the camp for 966 days after the Syrian Opposition Groups controlled it.
- Dara'a Camp: Running water cut continues for 610 days, and 70% of its buildings were distroyed.
- Jarmana, AL Saieda Zainab, Al Raml, Al Aedein Homs and Aedein Hamma: A relatively quiet situations in light of the economic crises.
- Khan Al Sheih Camp: Roads linking the camp to the city center are still closed except for Zakia- Khan Al Shieh road.