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## Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria

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"Deteriorated Health Conditions in Yarmouk due to the Continuous Siege Imposed by the Syrian Regime and the GC Groups"



Al Yarmouk Camp

- Shelling Targets the Vicinity of Khan Al Shieh Camp, and the Regime's Checkpoint Allows the Entry of Limited Quantities of Bread.
- A PLA Soldier was Injured in Doma, Damascus Suburb.
- The Syrian Armed Opposition Groups Arrested a Palestinian Refugee in Ritan Area, Aleppo Suburb.
- Al Wafaa European Campaign Starts Distributing Heating Coal to the Palestinian Refugees in the Temporary Shelter Center in Kilis.
- Palestine Charity Committee Prepares Food Meals for the Besieged Residents of the Yarmouk Camp.

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## **Recent Updates**

The health condition in the Yarmouk camp is rapidly deteriorated, as hundreds of its residents have infected with many diseases, Jaundice and Anemia are the most prominent due to the malnutrition. Meanwhile, most hospitals and clinics of the camp are stopped working because of the loss of the medical supplies and specialized cadres except for Palestine hospital that provides only simple medical services.

The checkpoints of the Regular Army and the PFGC groups are still imposing its strict siege at about 20,000 civilians for 596 days, which killed 167 refugees who died due to the malnutrition and the lack of medical care. It is mentioned that the water cuts in the camp continues for 166 days, as power cuts for 676 days.

In Damascus suburb, the Syrian warplanes targeted Tal Al Kasweia near Khan Al Shieh camp, as the explosion sounds were heard clearly inside the camp provoking a state of worry amongst the residents. However, the checkpoints of the Regular Army, which are spread in the adjacent towns, allowed the entry of limited quantities of bread after being prevented for the past three days, while all roads linking the camp with the neighboring areas are still closed except for Zakia-Khan Al Shieh road.

In the same context, the PLA officer "Mohammed Zahir Zawahri," from Al Nairab camp in Aleppo, was severely injured by a landmine explosion in Doma city and was transferred to a military hospital in Damascus. At the main time, the AGPS received news about the arrival of a new group of detained youth to Mesiaf city North West of Hama city. The detainees have surrendered to the SRA members at the Yarmouk checkpoint since the last presidential amnesty issued in 09/06/2014, to perform military service in the PLA.

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"Mohammed Zahir Zawahri"

It is mentioned that the Palestinian refugees in Syria are obliged to perform the PLA military service and everyone who refused to perform will be vulnerable to prosecution and imprisonment, forcing many of them to leave Syria and travel to the adjacent towns or to stay outside the areas that are controlled by the Regular Army and its security forces such as Yarmouk.

Turning to Aleppo, groups of the Syrian armed opposition arrested the Palestinian refugee "Bashar Al Masri" at Ritan village in Aleppo suburb, after he joined Al Quds brigade, the pro-Syrian regime armed group, in the fighting against the Syrian armed opposition in Aleppo and its suburb. The detainee appeared in a video two days ago with tens of other detainees of the Syrian regime who were arrested after the clashes between the two parties in Ritan village, as the AGPS could not assure the news from other sources.

It is worth mentioning that a lot of residents from Al Nairab and Handarat camps in Aleppo are belonging to the so-called Al Quds brigades, a pro-Syrian regime armed groups. Groups affiliated to Al Quds brigades were formed at Al Raml camp and a lot of its members died during the clashes with the Syrian armed opposition in different areas in Aleppo.

On the other hand, the delegation of AL Wafaa European campaign starts its first rounds in Turkey yesterday, as they visited each of Has, Islaheia, and Kırıkhan villages south of Turkey, and briefed on the living

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conditions of Palestinian families stationed in those villages, as the visit included the distribution of some urgent relief aid to the refugees, in an attempt to alleviate the suffering of the campaign, especially after the region was affected by the deep storm during the past few days.



Wafaa campaign distribute relief aid in Turkey

In the same context, Fatih Sultan Mehmet Foundation distributed about 2,000 kg of heating coal on Palestinian families located in the temporary shelter center for Palestinian refugees in the Turkish City of Kilis.



Distribution of heating coal in Kilis

It is noteworthy that thousands of Palestinian refugees have fled from Syria to Turkey because of the bombing that targeted their camps and of

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being involved in the ongoing conflict, as they severely suffering from difficult conditions. Unofficial statistics indicated that their number ranges between 3000-5000 refugees spread over a number of Turkish cities.

#### Civil Work Committees

The Charity Kitchen of the Palestinian Charity Committee in the besieged Yarmouk refugee camp, prepared meals for most poor families in the camp and distributed (91) meals on the residents. The committee continued to fill water tanks for the elderly and public utilities, amid the continuation of water cut for (166) days respectively.

#### Numbers and Statistics till 22/2/2015:-

- At least 27933 Palestinian Syrian refugees have reached Europe during the last 4 years.
- 2661 Palestinian refugee victims were documented by the AGPS.
- The Yarmouk Camp: Siege, imposed by the Regular Army and PFGC, continued for 596 days respectively. In addition, power cuts continued for more than 676 days, water was cut for 166 days respectively. The number of victims due to the siege has reached to 167 victims.
- 80,000 Palestinian Syrian refugees escaped from Syria to the neighboring towns, including 10,687 refugees in Jordan, 51,300 in Lebanon and 6,000 refugees in Egypt, according to UNRWA statistics till February 2015.
- Al Husayneyya Camp: Regular Army is still preventing the residents of the camp to return back to their houses for 498 days respectively.
- Al Sheina Camp: Regular Army is still preventing the residents of the camp to return back to their houses for 467 days respectively.
- Handarat Camp: Residents have left the camp for 669 days after the Syrian Opposition Groups controlled it.
- Dara'a Camp: It is now almost 313 days without water and 70% of its buildings were demolished.

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- Jermana, AL Saieda ZAinab, Al Raml, Al Aedein Camps in Homs and Hamma: A relatively quiet situation 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 Sheih road.