

# التقرير اليومي الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية

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"Residents of AlSbeina Camp Denied Access to Their Homes via Gov't Checkpoints"



- Palestinian Refugee Tortured to Death in Syrian Gov't Lock-Up
- 6,000 Palestinian Families in Qudsaya Enduring Dire Conditions
- Palestinian Refugee Hafedh Huswa Held in Gov't Jail for 4th Year
- UNICEF Sounds Alarm over Mistreatment of Child Refugees in Germany

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#### **Victims**

Palestinian resident of Hums-based AlAydeen Camp Basem Baya'a, 38, died under torture in Syrian regime penitentiaries, where he had been held for over four years, activists told AGPS.

At least 460 Palestinian refugees were tortured to death in Syrian government jails, according to AGPS statistics.

#### Latest Developments

Residents of AlSebeina Camp for Palestinian refugees in Rif Dimashq have been denied access to their homes via government-run checkpoints for 1,225 consecutive days.

Bloody hostilities between the government troops and the opposition battalions in and around AlSbeina forced dozens of families to seek shelter elsewhere. The clashes culminated in a tighter cordon by the regime squads on all corners of the shelter.

According to eye-witnesses, 80% of AlSbeina buildings have been subjected to quasi-total destruction, particularly in the area stretching from Muadh Ibn Jabal Mosque to the Kurds Oven, which makes the western entrance to the shelter.

High rates of unemployment and lack of financial resources have added insult to injury for AlSbeina displaced community.

AlSbeina residents appealed to the Syrian regime army and its war accomplices to allow them a safe access into their homes, as has been the case with the residents of AlHusseiniya Camp.

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At the same time, Palestinian families seeking refuge in Qudsaya town, in Rif Dimashq, have launched cries for help over their exacerbated situation due to the price hike, high unemployment rates, steep rental fees, and the decline in civilians' purchasing power.

The tough cordon imposed by the government forces on the main thoroughfares linking Qudsaya to Damascus city center has added bad to worse, preventing civilians from fetching much-needed bread loafs and fuel supplies.

Qudsaya is home to thousands of families who had mostly been displaced from besieged Yarmouk Camp.



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In a related development, Palestinian refugee Hafedh Fyasal Huswa has been incarcerated in regime-run penal complexes for the fourth consecutive year.

The detainee, a resident of AlHajar AlAswad area, adjacent to Yarmouk Camp, was kidnapped by the pro-government squads at the Yarmouk roadblock on July 11, 2013. His fate has been shrouded in mystery as none of his family members managed to reach out to him.

AGPS kept record of the internment of 1,177 Palestinians in Syrian regime penitentiaries, among whom 86 female refugees.

In another development, a new report released by the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) on March 21, 2017 slammed the German government for providing insufficient quality housing and schooling for the record-breaking number of minors it has accepted since 2015.

According to the report, titled "Childhood Postponed", many child asylum-seekers in Germany still have to spend long periods in unsafe and overcrowded shelters, and some have only limited access to education and do not receive adequate health care.

UNICEF survey on the situation of 350,000 children and teenagers who have arrived in Germany as asylum-seekers since 2015 found out that refugee children often spend months or years in shelters where they witness or are exposed to violence and abuse.

Only a third of the children living in shelters have access to schools and kindergartens, it added.

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The children and teenagers, along with their parents, expressed their profound disappointment over the noise, infringement of the child's right to privacy, over-crowdedness, poor hygiene, and lack of medical care in asylum shelters.

"Education is just beyond reach in Syria," a 15-year-old Syrian minor was quoted as stating.

Dozens of Palestinian children fleeing war-torn Syria have sought asylum in Germany, unaccompanied by their parents.

The number of Palestinians from Syria in Germany remains ambiguous as Palestinians are categorized as stateless refugees according to the German law.

The Geneva Convention stipulates that Germany grant nationality to those categorized as stateless refugees, in accordance with the German Nationality Law of 2000.



#### Palestinians of Syria: March 23, 2017 Statistics:

• At least 3,471 Palestinians, including 455 women, were killed in war-torn Syria.

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- 1,178 Palestinian refugees, including 86 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 1,370 days in a row.
- 195 Palestinians died of undernourishment and medical neglect in the blockaded Yarmouk Camp.
- Water supplies cut off in Deraa and Yarmouk camps respectively for 1,076 and 884 days.
- Residents of Handarat Camp, in Aleppo, denied access to their homes for 1,420 days. Government battalions have been holding sway over the camp for more than 154 days.
- Over 79,000 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.