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"Violent clashes and shelling at Yarmouk.. ISIS Seizes the Fuel of Drinking Water Generators"



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Recent Updates

Heavy shelling targeted different areas of Yarmouk camp yesterday, coincided with sporadic clashes break out on several fighting axes in the camp.

The AGPS correspondent reported that clashes broke out in the entrance of Yarmouk camp between ISIS alongside Al-Nusra Front and the Syrian army alongside the Palestinian groups. As well as, violent clashes broke out in Zein neighborhood south of the camp between ISIS alongside Al-Nusra Front with Islam Army and the armed opposition groups, which in turn controls part of Zein neighborhood.

Meanwhile, ISIS seizes about (3500) liters of fuel which was kept at the headquarters of Palestine Charity Committee near Abdul Qader Al-Husseini Mosque. The committee had allocated this fuel to run generators that extract water for the people of the Yarmouk refugee camp since water cuts for more than (255) days.

This comes in light of the continuous siege imposed by the regular army and PFGC groups for 695daysrespectively, while power cut for more than 765 days, while ISIS continue to control about 70% of the Yarmouk camp and put several checkpoints at the entrances of Yarmouk camp towards Yalda. In addition, sniping continued at Palestine square area between ISIS and the Syrian opposition groups in Yalda.

In the same context, residents of the Yarmouk camp in Damascus are complaining of the spread and accumulation of garbage in the streets and alleys of the camp, where the humanitarian crisis situation had been further exacerbated since the entry of the so-called ISIS groups into



Yarmouk on 1st of April, prompting most relief organizations within the Yarmouk to stop working and get its activists out of the camp, fearing for their lives.

The residents expressed fears over the spread of diseases, especially with the high temperatures and the spread of insects and rodents.



Lebanon

In their reaction to UNRWA's decision to stop its financial assistance allocated for shelter allowance, which is due to Palestinian refugees Syria, a group of Palestinian families, coming from Syria in Lebanon, stormed two UNRWA schools "Megiddo" and "MAzar" in Beddawi camp in northern Lebanon, and decided to reside inside.

Permanent and open sit-in tent was placed on the main road at Beddawi camp in front of Koukab school until UNRWA undo its unjust and unfair decision against our displaced Palestinian people from Syria, according to the words of one of the organizers of the protest tent.

In a related context, protest vigils were carried out at Ein el-Hilweh and Bourj Al Barajna camps, protesting against the UNRWA's policy to



reduce its services, while activists said that series of escalatory steps will be implemented in case UNRWA does not responsive to retreat the decision of suspending shelter allowance aid for displaced Palestinian from Syria camps.



Sit-in in Beddawi camp and Bourj Al Barajna camp

The AGPS condemns the sudden announcement of UNRWA, through its General Director in Lebanon, Mr. Matthias Schmale, about the suspension of the urgent aid related to cash allowance of shelter against all Palestinians of Syria in Lebanon. The decision will be implemented starting from July 2015, Calling UNRWA to immediately undo this injustice decision against 43,000 Palestinians of Syria in Lebanon, to continue providing them with its urgent aid till their plight ends, and not to evade its direct responsibility towards the Palestinian refugees

UNRWA announced, in the words of its Director-General in Lebanon, "Matthias Shamali," the suspension of urgent aid related to the cash allowance for shelter for all Palestinian Syrians in Lebanon, starting from July 2015.

Dozens of Palestinians of Syria in Lebanon received SMSs from UNRWA confirming the suspension of an amount of 150,000 LL, or \$ 100 was paid



as shelter allowances, due to the scarcity of funding, that forced UNRWA to suspend its aid, according to the message.

In the same context, Palestinian Coalition Forces in Lebanon considered that UNRWA evades its responsibilities towards the Palestinian refugees after the recent decisions related to reducing financial aid to the displaced people of Syria, and the suspension of emergency program for the residents of Nahr al-Bared camp.

The statement stressed the complete rejection of the press conference of the Director-General of UNRWA in Lebanon Mr. Matthias Schmale, warning of humanitarian disaster that would occur to the displaced people of Syria.

The statement put direct and full responsibility to UNRWA and its management in Lebanon, about the repercussions of this decision, and the its result, thus, we call on UNRWA's management to reconsider this unfair decision. "

The statement also called on "the Lebanese authorities to facilitate the movement of displaced Palestinian people from Syria in Lebanon, and to approve the renewal of residencies periodically, and exempting them from fees and fines imposed on them, on a temporary basis until they return to their camps in Syria."

The Action Group for Palestinians of Syria

The AGPS, represented by the researcher, "Ibrahim al-Ali," President of Studies Department in the group, participated in a discussion session about "The Future of Palestinian refugees in Syria," which was held by



Zaytuna Center for Studies and Consultations at its headquarters in Beirut with the participation of a group of researchers and specialists of Palestinian issue.

On the subject of exploring the future of refugees in Syria, in case their crisis continue, or finding a way out; possible scenarios to the crisis in Syria was discussed.

Civil Work Committees

In steps that will put a smile on the faces of the Palestinian refugee children in light of the continuing suffering due to the continuation of war events in Syria, and the suffering of Palestinian refugee camps in Syria, number of organizations and bodies implemented voluntary initiatives and entertainment activities in attempts to reduce the psychological effects of war on children.

Group of young volunteers in Neirab camp in Aleppo implemented free summer camp within the entertainment program and integrated educational treatment. As well as Jafra Foundation continues psychosocial support, education activities, recreational activities, and educational children's programs in the organization centers in Jaramana camp, Khan Al Shieh, and Qudsaya in Damascus suburb, and Al Aedein camp in Homs.

Jafra organization at Jaramana camp carried out an entertainment day, the children displayed moppet plays, free paintings, drawing on faces, competitions and musical activities for the children. The Psychological and social support team at Jafra organization carried out a ceremony at



the end of the school year for the students of Jafra kindergarten at Khan Al Shieh. A number of camp's residents and the families of the students attended the ceremony, which contains activities such as singing and Moppet Theater; moreover, certificates were distributed to the children. In Khan Danoun camp in Damascus suburb, Al Awda Children kindergarten with the presence of the children families held a graduation ceremony for the children.

The children presented poetic show where it gave hope for the attendance for a better future for their children. It is referred that the children young people of the Palestinian camps were exposed to grave violations such as arrest campaigns by the Syrian security forces and some of them were victims of malnutrition, the lack of medical aid, bombing and sniping.

Moreover, the stop of the education process for lots of Palestinian camps' children specially sieged camps , in addition to the continuous displacement between areas without being settled in one area, which engaged the people specially children in miserable psychological situation.

Numbers and Statistics till 23/5/2015

- *Thousands of Palestinian refugees escaped from Syria, including 10,687 refugees in Jordan, 51300 refugees in Lebanon, and 6,000 refugees in Egypt, according to the UNRWA's statistics till February 2015.*
- *At least 27933 Palestinian Syrian refugees have reached Europe during the last 4 years.*



- *The number of Palestinian detainees who were documented by the AGPS has reached 869 detainees, and 391 victims were killed due to torture in the Syrian prisons.*
- ***The Yarmouk Camp:*** - *Siege, imposed by the Regular Army and PFGC, continued for 695 days respectively. In addition, power cuts continued for more than 765 days, water was cut for 255 days respectively. The number of victims due to the siege has reached to 177 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 576 days respectively.*
- ***Al Sbeina Camp:*** - *Regular Army is still preventing the residents of the camp to return back to their houses for 557 days respectively.*
- ***Handarat Camp:*** - *Residents have left the camp for 759 days after the Syrian Opposition Groups controlled it.*
- ***Dara'a Camp:*** - *It is now almost 402 days without water and 70% of its buildings were demolished.*
- ***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.*