

# التقرير اليومي الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية

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# "Tension Running High in Yarmouk Camp as ISIS Gears Up to Retreat"

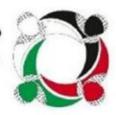


- 40% of AlHusseinya Residents Denied Access to Their Homes
- Palestinian Nurse Bassel Omar Held in Syrian Jails for Over 3 Years
- Palestinian Elderly Woman from Syria Detained at Rafic Hariri Airport

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#### **Recent Updates**

Tension has been running high in Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian refugees after reports have emerged on the anticipated retreat of ISIS to its strongholds east of Syria.



Activists raised concerns over the forced deportation of civilians to Idlib as has been the case with Khan AlSheih residents. Activists further warned of a projected military operation by ISIS targeting southern Damascus.

Reporting from the scene, AGPS news correspondent said a state of panic has flared up in the area in anticipation of ISIS withdrawal.

On Monday, ISIS militias evacuated their sites in the area. At the same time, a number of ISIS fighters retreated to AlHajar AlAswad stronghold.

Meanwhile, Speaking with AGPS, activists said 40% of the residents of the AlHusseiniya Camp for Palestinian refugees, in Rif Dimashq, have been prevented from returning to their homes via government checkpoints.



The displaced residents of AlHusseiniya voiced concerns over the projected abduction campaigns to be launched at regime checkpoints.

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On August 16, 2015 residents of AlHusseiniya Camp were allowed limited access into their homes following a two-year ban slapped by the government army.



In another development, Palestinian nurse Bassel Hassan Omar, aged 38, has been held in Syrian government lock-ups since March 7, 2013.

Bassel was kidnapped by the government forces from AlMujtahid Hospital in Damascus, where he had

served as a nurse. His fate remains shrouded in mystery.

A number of Palestinian medics, paramedics, and relief activists have been locked up in Syrian jails. Others died under torture in Syrian penitentiaries.

AGPS documented the incarceration of 1,603 Palestinian refugees in Syrian lock-ups.

In the meantime, the Palestinian elderly woman Maysar Sakhneini has been detained by the Lebanese authorities at Rafic Hariri International Airport on her way back from Saudi Arabia.



The Lebanese authorities attributed the move to official instructions banning the entry of the Palestinians from Syria.

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In appeals circulated on social media networks, the detained refugee called on the Palestine Liberation Organization, along with the Palestinian embassy and factions in Lebanon, to urgently step in and work on granting her a safe passage to Syria via Lebanon.

#### Palestinians of Syria: May 24, 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 1,404 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 1,135 and 986 days.
- Residents of Handarat Camp, in Aleppo, denied access to their homes for 1,479 days. Government battalions have been holding sway over the camp for more than 213 days.
- Nearly 85,000 Palestinian Syrian refugees fled to Europe until mid 2016.
- •31,000 Palestinians from Syria are housed in Lebanon.

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- •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.