

# التقرير اليومي الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية

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

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"At Least 4 Victims, Most of them are Children, Died due to the Regular Army Shelling at Daraa Camp"



- ISIS Releases Two Young Men from Yarmouk after being Kidnapped for Several Hours
- Regular Army Closes Qusdeia Town in Damascus Suburb
- Explosive Barrels Target the Vicinity of Khan Al Shieh Camp
- News of Pushing the PLA in Zabadani Battles at Damascus Suburb
- Activists Demand Turkish Presidency and Government, PLO, Hamas, and General Authority for Refugees to Work for Ending the Suffering of Displaced Palestinians of Syria in Turkey
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### Recent Updates

Heavy shelling targeted Daraa camp yesterday evening and led to at least four victims, mostly children in addition to a large number of wounded, and the destruction of property.

According to activists, the victims who were identified are:

Samaher Nawras Mahawish, the child boy Hamza Khaled el-Masri, the child girl Aya Khaled el-Masri, and the child girl Asmaa Mohammed Zulfi, while the AGPS could not know the final toll of victims because of the tense situation in the camp.



Targeted Children in Daraa Camp

In another context, our correspondent in Yarmouk- Damascus reported that ISIS released two young Palestinians, "Omar Mustafa Bash," and "Louay Bassam Bash" after being kidnapped last day midnight in the Yarmouk refugee camp.

The two young men were interrogated at a headquarters of ISIS at AL Hajar Al Aswad area, and then were handed over to the complaints



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center in Yarmouk camp, and the Office released them to left the Yarmouk refugee camp towards Yalda area.

It is noteworthy that ISIS announced withdrawal earlier from its headquarters in the Yarmouk refugee camp, but the members are still present in the streets of Yarmouk, where they impose their agendas on the residents of the camp.

Turning to Damascus, the Syrian army and security forces closed all entrances and exits of Qudseia and Al Hama cities in Damascus suburb without exception for pedestrians and cars.

Media sources close to the regime reported that the closure will continue until the release of a regular army member who was kidnapped the day before yesterday by groups of the armed opposition in Qudsaya.



Qudsaya town

The closure will reflect negatively on thousands of Palestinian refugees who were displaced from their camps, where Qudseia town receives



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about six thousands Palestinian families who fled from the Yarmouk refugee camp and other camps.

Residents in that are suffering of tension ongoing security situation in addition to the harsh living conditions in which they live, as well as high cost of living and unemployment spread because of the lack of material income for most of these families who have been forced to rent houses with high prices what caused them economic and material crisis over their plight and the loss of their homes and properties in the Palestinian camps.

At least three explosive barrels targeted surrounding farms of Khan Al Shieh camp in Damascus suburb, resulting in a state of tension and anxiety among people for fear of shelling.

This comes in light of the regular army continued closure of all main roads that link the camp and the center of the capital Damascus, forcing residents to take (Zakya - Khan Al Shieh) road which is the only subroute of residents despite the risk of shelling and repeated targeting as they passed through it.

On a different context, website pages close to the regular army shared photographs of what it described as the participation of the PLA in fighting alongside the Syrian regular army forces in their battles against the Syrian armed opposition in the town of Zabadani in Damascus suburb, while the AGPS could not assure the Pictures from another source.



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For their part, activists confirmed to the AGPS that hundreds of PLA members have been forced in recent years to fight alongside the regular army in many areas, mostly in Damascus suburb.

It is worth mentioning that the AGPS documented 140 PLA victims who were killed after fighting in Syria.

#### **Turkey**

A group of human rights activists under the name of team "documenting violations against the Palestinians around the world," issued a press release calling many official and human rights Turkish and Palestinian authorities to work for ending the suffering of displaced Palestinians in Turkey.

The statement called Turkish presidency and government to work in order to regulate the entry and the arrival of Palestinian refugees fleeing from the hell of the Syrian war to Turkish territory, whether from Syria or from all other countries through official entry visa to protect them without risk to flee across the border, as the statement called for" holding shooters at the border accountable".

The statement appealed all Turkish, Syrian, Palestinian, and international human rights organizations to put pressure to stop refugee rights violation in general and Palestinian refugees displaced from Syria in Turkey in particular by the Turkish border guards and the army, and to put pressure on the Turkish authorities to allow them entering to Turkish territory safely."



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The statement also appealed the PLO and the PA, represented by its embassy in Ankara, to shoulder its responsibility towards Palestinian refugees fleeing from the Syrian war, by giving them official passports to facilitate and regulate their entry, as well as to put pressure on the Turkish authorities in this regard, in order to improve the legal treatment with Palestinian refugees displaced from Syria.

Moreover, the statement called on Hamas to work in order to improve the legal status of displaced Palestinians from Syria, both arrivals to Turkey or who are in any country and are trying to get a visa to enter Ankara, through put pressure on this file strongly, in order to protect Palestinians of Syria of continuous death while escaping from war and conflict in search of a decent life.

In addition, it called the General Authority for refugees in the Syrian interim government to put pressure on the Syrian National Coalition for the revolutionary and the opposition forces in order to improve the legal situation of Palestinians of Syria into Turkey, and to work to facilitate the access of Palestinians of Syria of getting entry visas to Turkey similarly as Syrian brothers.

Meanwhile, activists put responsibility at all previously mentioned Parties for the consequences of not taking urgent moves towards Palestinian refugees displaced from Syria, owning to the disasters that would be added to previous disasters that befell these refugees.

It is worth mentioning that the statement also included a series of violations that were documented by activists and committed by the



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Turkish authorities against Palestinian and Syrian refugees, according to the statement.



The press release by the ''documenting violations against the Palestinians around the world''

#### **UNRWA**

The United States Government has donated 13 million \$ to UNRWA's response to the Syrian crisis; an amount of 9.1 million will be allocated, according to UNRWA, for supporting humanitarian agency's operations inside Syria, and 3.9 million \$of this donation to support the humanitarian needs of Palestinian Syria refugees displaced to Lebanon and Jordan.

Meanwhile, Kuwait has donated this month with 15 million\$ to the Agency in order to the work provided to Palestinian refugees.



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Financial and humanitarian aid provided by UNRWA is the only source of income for thousands of Palestinian Syrian refugees, however, the agency cut the bulk of financial assistance provided to Palestinian Syrian refugees in Lebanon, which brought them a dire living suffering, as well as security prosecutions for residencies renewal, and prevent them from working.

#### **Italy**

An Irish battleships saved (370)Palestinian, Syrian, and other nationalities migrants who were on board a "death boat" heading from Libya to Italy, and among refugees (75) women and 15 children in addition to the birth of a woman on board Irish barge, as they were disembarked in the port of Palermo Italian.



It was mentioned that Palestinian refugee are still flow from Egypt, Libya, and Turkey towards European countries, although the risk of access to Europe for their lives roads, which claimed the lives of hundreds of Palestinian and Syrian refugees, but that is justified,



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according to one activist, who contributes it to the poor security and living situation experienced by thousands of Palestinian refugees in Syria, of killing, destruction, and arrests, in addition to numerous and repeated violations carried out by the Syrian neighbors countries against displaced Palestinian Syrian refugees.

#### Numbers and Statistics till 23/7/2015

- 80,000 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 36,000 Palestinian Syrian refugees have reached Europe during the last 4 years.
- The Yarmouk Camp: Siege, imposed by the Regular Army and PFGC, continued for 755 days respectively. In addition, power cuts continued for more than 825 days, water was cut for 315 days respectively. The number of victims due to the siege has reached to 177 victims.
- Al Husayneyya Camp: Regular Army is still preventing the residents of the camp to return back to their houses for 636 days respectively.
- Al Sheina Camp: Regular Army is still preventing the residents of the camp to return back to their houses for 617 days respectively.
- Handarat Camp: Residents have left the camp for 819 days after the Syrian Opposition Groups controlled it.
- Dara'a Camp: It is now almost 462 days without water and 70% of its buildings were demolished.



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- Jermana, AL SaiedaZAinab, 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.