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"Hundreds of Palestinian Families Homeless as Hostilities between ISIS, Opposition Heat Up in Southern Syria"



- Gov't Forces Deliver Food Aids to Tahrir AlSham in Yarmouk Camp, ISIS Seizes AlKara'in Sector
- Syrian Gov't Gives Instructions to Cease Passport Renewal for Syrian Nationals, Palestinians of Syria
- Aids Distributed in Khan AlSheih, Blockaded Zones South of Damascus

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Latest Developments

Hundreds of Palestinians families have been forced out of their shelters in Jilin as hostilities between ISIS and the opposition outfits kicked into high gear.

AGPS field reporter said Jilin Camp, controlled by ISIS-affiliated Khaled Ibn AlWalid battalion and located in Jilin town, in Yarmouk Basin, in Daraa's western outskirts has become a permanent target of shelling. Only a handful of families, out of 450 Palestinian families formerly sheltered in the camp, remained in the area.



A number of families, mostly comprising sick and elderly members, have remained in Jilin town, home to 700 families. A couple of days earlier, Khaled Ibn AlWalid fighters ordered the residents of Jilin Camp to evacuate their homes.

Several residents have gone homeless in the overcrowded areas of Wadi AlYarmouk, Zizon, and AlMuzeireeb, having no shelter to take cover in.

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A massacre perpetrated by ISIS in Jilin by the end of February, following clashes with the pro-government forces, took away the lives of dozens of civilians, whose names were documented by AGPS.

At the end of March, four refugees sustained wounds after they were attacked by ISIS on their way out of Jilin Camp.

At the same time, ISIS tightened grip on AlKara'in sector following the murder of Ahmed Abd AlRahman Karim, called Abu Rabi' AlKar'ouna, in Yarmouk in a tunnel blast on April 3, 2017.

AlKara'in fighters have also come down heavily on civilians and threatened to burn down their homes in an attempt to force them out of the area and declare it a closed military zone.

Meanwhile, disagreements flared up between ISIS in AlHajar AlAswad and ISIS fighters in Yarmouk following the takeover of Uruba checkpoint by Yarmouk's complaint center.

In a related development, the Syrian government forces reportedly allowed the entry of food and medical aids to Tahrir AlSham-led zones west of Yarmouk Camp as part of the newly-reached five-town agreement.

The first articles of the agreement stipulate that in the first phase medical and food aid be allowed to enter the camp and that emergency cases be allowed access out of the camp. In the second phase, the fighters and those who wish to leave for Idlib will be granted a safe passage, according to a report released by Tahrir AlSham in April 15, 2017.

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Meanwhile, the Syrian government issued a decision ruling for freezing the renewal of passports and travel documents for Syrian nationals and the Palestinians of Syria.

The Syrian consulate in Turkey, Jordan, Kuwait, and Sudan also announced the suspension of passport renewal for Syrian nationals living in those states starting Monday, April 24, 2017.

Syria's government has introduced new rules to allow Syrian refugees and citizens trapped in neighboring countries due to expired or lost passports to apply for renewals. Passport fees doubled to \$400 for a new passport. Urgently-required passports would cost up to \$800.

Civil Action Commissions

As part of the "Almond Blossom" campaign, the Jafra Foundation distributed relief items to Palestinian refugees trapped in southern Damascus and whose names were registered at Yarmouk's relief office.



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At the same time, the Palestine Charity continues to deliver children's milk to Khan AlSheih residents, west of Rif Dimashq.

Palestinian refugees stranded in Yarmouk Camp and those displaced to Yalda, Babila, and Beit Sahem, have frequently appealed to the international community, UNRWA, and Palestinian factions to take urgent action as regards their tragic state of affairs.

Palestinians of Syria: April 24, 2017 Statistics:

- At least 3,483 Palestinians, including 455 women, were killed in war-torn Syria.
- 1,187 Palestinian refugees, including 87 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 1,376 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 1,107 and 958 days.
- Residents of Handarat Camp, in Aleppo, denied access to their homes for 1,451 days. Government battalions have been holding sway over the camp for more than 185 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.