

## التقرير اليومي الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية

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"Airstrikes Target Khan Al Shieh Camp.. A Statement that Condemns the Frequent Attacks on Civilians and Insures that the Camp is Empty of Armed Men and Weapons"



- The Palestine Sons Gathering a new Grouping that joins the Civil and Military Palestinian Organizations working in Southern Damascus
- The Palestinians of Syria in Shatella nd Burj Al Barajna Camps Complain the Shortage of Food Relief Aid
- 2013 is the most Bloody Year for the Palestinians of Syria since the beginning of Events in Syria

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#### Recent Updates

Night airstrikes by the military warplanes on night of Tuesday-Wednesday targeted the civilian houses in Khan Al Sheih Camp in Damascus western Suburb and did not lead to injuries amongst the civilians. An Activist reported that the Syrian Regime targeted Khan Al Sheih Camp using the cluster bombs, which are banned according to international conventions.

The Cluster Bombs attacks that are banned according to international conventions are considered as dangerous attacks because the weapon contains from rockets including a big number of bombs, where the bombs target area greater than 200 square meters with explosive destruction.



In the same context, the local council in Khan Al Sheih town issued a statement to condemn the frequent attacks on civilians; the council refers to the military escalation by the Syrian regime forces and the warplanes who are available in the surrounding areas. The attacks on Khan Al Sheih camp continue despite the declaration of the military factions that they don't have any member in the camp.

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The statement clarified that the military escalation against the civilians in the camp started in June 19, 2016, where the Russian warplanes targeted the camp with 28 airstrikes using cluster and thermobaric bombs. The Syrian Regime also targeted the camp with 6 explosive barrels, two land rockets in addition to 24 artillery shells which led to 18 victims and 72 injured people in addition to destroying 38 houses.



The Council insured that the regime continues to tighten on the residents of the camp through targeting the only road, which was called the death road due to the residents faced when trying to enter materials to the camp.

Based on the foregoing, some news were reported about that the United Nations trying to reach humanitarian aid to Khan Al Sheih Camp but due to the bombing and war machine they were not able to continue the operation of reaching aid to the rescinds. It is noted that the residents suffer from many difficulties in getting their aid from UNRWA centers due to the dangerous roads security challenges that they face when trying

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to get out of the camp such as bombing, sniping and detention on one of the checkpoints.

The Council in Khan Al Sheih town demands to stop all military operations, to allow the access of the humanitarian aid, and to enable the United Nations including UNRWA to examine the situation inside the camp and carry out the overall needs assessment. Also to allow the assessment the humanitarian situation to continue providing the residents and not surprising the world of creating another Yarmouk or Madaya.

In south of the Syrian Capital Damascus, a new grouping was announced under the title of Palestine Sons Gathering. The statement that the Gathering issued and published through the social media website – Facebook- announces that the Gathering was approved by all Palestinian military and civil organizations in south of Damascus to face the difficult conditions that the Palestine people suffer and the risks that threaten their survival.

The statement considers that the gathering as the only official representative for the Palestinians of Syria in south of the Syrian capital Damascus. It is worthy to mention that many of the Palestinian military groups were established in Yarmouk Camp; on 16/12/2012, the Syrian warplanes targeted the camp with bombings that led its residents to leave the camp. In addition to the entry of the Syrian Opposition such as Aknaf Bait Al Maqdis, Ahrar the Palestine Liberation Army, Al Kara'in, Al Za'teet, and the Sons of Yarmouk. It is refered that some of the armed brigades left the camp and some stayed under the umbrella of Fath Al

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Sham —Al Nusra Front- and Daash and some of them left to Yelda to find haven.

In Lebanon, The displaced Palestinians of Syria families to Shatella and burj Al Barajna camps in Beirut suffer from the negligence of the relief and charity organizations and not providing aid. According to the families, the refugees in the two camps suffer from difficult situation on all levels, living, economy and social levels. The treatment of the Lebanese government to the refugees as displaced, which leads to ignoring their rights, increased their tragedy and the insecurity feelings due to the unstable policies that the Lebanese security uses towards them. In addition to not renewing their residencies and the arrest campaigns by the Lebanese security under the pretext of the expired residency, moreover, the Lebanese government does not allow the displaced Palestinian refugee to work in Lebanon.

It is referred that the number of the displaced Palestinian Syrian refugees in Beirut is about 870 families out of 12000 Palestinian Syrian families in Lebanon, who escaped the ongoing war in Syria.

The AGPS documentation and Monitoring team documented the data of 3312 victims from the Palestinians of Syria refugees who died since the beginning of the war in Syria in 2011 due to direct reasons; such as bombing, clashes, torture in the prisons, bombardment, and siege and indirect reasons; such as sinking while trying to reach Europe through death boats. AGPS referred that the 3312 were distributed according to years as follows: 85 refugees died in 2011, 776 died in 2012, in 2013 the

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biggest number of victims among the Palestinians of Syria refugees, where it reached 1015 victims in 2013, in 2014 724 victims, 2015 502 victims and till July 2016 200 victims.



#### Palestinians of Syria Numbers and Statistics till 24\08\2016

- 15500 Palestinian Syrian refugees are in Jordan
- 42.500 Palestinian Syrian refugees are in Lebanon
- 6000 Palestinian Syrian refugees are in Egypt, according to the UNRWA statistics till July 2015
- 8000 Palestinian Syrian refugees are in Turkey
- 1000 Palestinian Syrian refugees are in Gaza
- More than 79,000 Palestinian Syrian refugees have reached Europe till mid -2016
- The Yarmouk Camp: siege, imposed by the Regular Army and PFGC groups, continued for 1164 consecutive days. Power cut continued for more than 1224 days, water was cut for 712 days respectively. The number of siege victims is 187.

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- Al Sbeina Camp: Regular Army is still preventing the residents of the camp to return back to their houses for 1016 days respectively.
- Handarat Camp: All Residents have left the camp for about 1207 days after the Syrian Opposition Groups controlled it.
- Dara'a Camp: It is now almost 867 days without water and almost 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.