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"Palestinian Refugee from Syria Stranded at Ataturk Airport to Be Deported to Lebanon amid Concerns He Might Be Turned In to Syrian Gov't"



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- ISIS, Opposition Outfits, Gov't Forces Tighten Noose around Neck of Yarmouk Residents
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- AGPS Releases Detailed Statistics on Palestinians from Syria Killed during First Half of 2017
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Victims

Palestinian refugee Mahmoud Hussein Ali Hussein, a resident of Yarmouk Camp, was pronounced dead on Wednesday, August 23, in clashes rocking Ein AlHilweh refugee camp, in the southern Lebanese city of Sidon.



The casualty is a member of the Fatah-allied Palestinian National Security Forces in Sidon.

Latest Developments

Palestinian refugee from Syria Luay Rahma is about to be deported from Turkey to Lebanon. His family expressed concerns that he might be turned in to the Syrian government forces.

The refugee fled the war-ravaged Syrian territories to Lebanon, where he stayed for nearly four years before he headed to Turkey on way to Libya. Shortly after, he has been detained by the Turkish authorities for nearly one month after they found out that he does not have a visa to enter Libya.

He was later detained at Rafic Hariri Airport after the Turkish authorities deported him to Lebanon. Following contacts with the Turkish authorities, the latter accepted to receive him. However, soon after, the



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Turkish authorities told him that they have been seeking ways to send him back to Lebanon.

Luay's family said their homeless relative has gone downhearted, urging the Turkish authorities and the Palestinian Embassy, among other concerned bodies, to work on granting him asylum in Turkey.

The Turkish authorities have turned down appeals for visas by the Palestinians from Syria for the third year running.



Sometime earlier, another Palestinian refugee—Bassel Azzam—had been stranded in Ataturk Airport for over four months after the Turkish authorities denied him access into Turkey. He was later deported to opposition-led zones north of Syria, where he was pronounced dead in an onslaught rocking the area shortly afterwards.

Meanwhile, clashes between ISIS and the opposition brigades burst out in Yarmouk Camp on Wednesday at AlUruba Street crossroads. No injuries were reported on either side.



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AGPS reporter said tension has boiled over in the area after the opposition forces announced their intent to close off Yalda thoroughfare and banned food entry into Yarmouk Camp.

The stranded residents of Yarmouk have been grappling with tough crackdowns enforced by all warring actors.

Recently, ISIS has tightened grip on Yarmouk in an attempt to isolate it from AlHajar AlAswad neighborhood. ISIS militants have been caught as setting up fences and transferring iron barriers from Yarmouk's main access roads to AlHajar AlAswad.

ISIS militias have also prevented Palestinian refugees from receiving their friends and relatives and from entering cash and foodstuff to the area.

At the same time, opposition troops deployed at Yalda checkpoint banned on Wednesday the delivery of food items, except for bread and milk, to Yarmouk Camp.

A tough blockade has been imposed on Yarmouk by the Syrian government forces and their war abettors since mid 2013. Chronic water and power blackouts have added bad to worse.

In the meantime, AGPS news correspondent in Yarmouk said the opposition militants stationed at Yalda checkpoint gave a green light to the entry of much-needed items and foodstuff into Yarmouk Camp.

Movement has reportedly been back to normal at Yalda thoroughfare. Security measures have, meanwhile, been upheld to monitor civilians' access out of and into Yarmouk.



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In another development, Palestinian refugees seeking shelter in T'seil, in the southern Syrian province of Daraa, continue to launch cries for help over the exacerbated security situation in the area due to the unabated shelling and deadly hostilities between the opposition battalions and ISIS-allied Khaled Ibn AlWaleed Brigade.

Reporting from southern Syria, AGPS correspondent said an offensive launched by the opposition forces on T'seil claimed the lives of two people and left others wounded.



Palestinian refugees in T'seil have appealed to UNRWA, the Palestine Liberation Organization, and the concerned human rights institutions to take urgent action as regards the simmering tide of violence in the area. A massacre perpetrated by ISIS in T'seil in February took away the lives of over 15 civilians.

Palestinian families displaced from Damascus refugee camps to T'seil have also sounded the alarm over the exacerbated socio-economic conditions they have been enduring.



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Located some 30 kilometers away north of Daraa city center, T'seil has been home to some 120 Palestinian families, along with 40 families displaced from Damascus and its outskirts and 100 others displaced from Ein Thakar.

In the meantime, AGPS 15th annual report, released in early August 2017, documented the death of 102 Palestinian refugees from Syria during the first half of 2017, among them 69 combatants.

The highest number of casualties was recorded in February, with 28 refugees, compared to 18 in March, 18 in May, and 14 in June.

Daraa topped the list with 31 casualties, followed by 22 in Damascus and 20 in Rif Dimashq. 27 Palestinians were also pronounced dead in refugee camps and communities across war-torn Syria, including 18 in the blockaded Yarmouk Camp.

The statistics-based report provides data on Palestinian victims and detainees. The first chapter covers the number of victims and detainees from March 2011 to June 2017; the second chapter sheds light on the number of Palestinians killed during the first half of 2017; as for the third chapter it was devoted to statistics on the Palestinians of Syria in neighboring countries and Europe.

The report includes fact-based diagrams and charts on the spatio-temporal distribution of victims and detainees, along with their age, gender, and status (militant/ non-militant).



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Civil Action

The Palestine Charity Commission distributed children's milk to Palestinian families displaced from Yarmouk Camp to Qudsaya, Yalda, Babila, and Beit Sahem, south of Damascus.

The charity said Yarmouk's displaced families have run out of vital food items, including children's milk.

Some 6,000 Palestinian families, mostly displaced from Yarmouk, have been taking refuge in Qudsaya. Nearly 2,000 other families displaced from the camp have sought shelter in nearby towns.



Palestinians of Syria: August 24, 2017 Statistics:

- At least 3,560 Palestinians, including 462 women, were killed in war-torn Syria.
- 1,628 Palestinian refugees, including 103 women, are incarcerated in Syrian government lock-ups.



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- Yarmouk refugee camp has been blockaded by the Syrian regime army and Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine General Command (PFLP-GC) for 1,499 days in a row.
- 197 Palestinians died of undernourishment and medical neglect in the blockaded Yarmouk Camp.
- Water supplies cut off in Deraa and Yarmouk camps respectively for 1,236 and 1,076 days.
- Residents of Handarat Camp, in Aleppo, denied access to their homes for 1,572 days. Government battalions have been holding sway over the camp for more than 325 days.
- Nearly 85,000 Palestinian refugees from Syria fled to Europe until the end of 2016.
- 31,000 Palestinians from Syria are housed in Lebanon.
- 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.