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"Residents of Sabinah in Damascus suburb: The Camp is Without Electricity, Water or Any Proof of Life's Necessities"

- Greece forcibly displaces the first group of Syrian refugees to Turkey
- Jafra continues to distribute relief aid to families displaced from Yarmouk camp
- Charitable Association distributes children's milk to families in Qudsaya and Damascus suburb

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Latest Developments

Palestinians returning to their camp in Sabinah, in the suburb of Damascus, were greatly disappointed after entering the city and discovering that it had no electricity, water or any proof of life's necessities, according to them.

A number of people told AGPS's reporter that the Palestinian and Syrian families living in Sabinah did not expect to find the remains of their homes still accumulated, the infrastructure destroyed and no signs of transportation.



Others questioned about the promises the Syrian regime and the governors of Damascus suburb and Al-Quneitra had made, about finishing the reconstruction of the infrastructure and providing the necessary services, asking the families to return.

About the services and reconstruction of the infrastructure, press sources close to the regime stated that: "Since 2016, no real step has been taken to extend electricity circuits in the city of Sabinah, only medium lines for the transformers were placed. The process of



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extending medium lines does not require more than two months - three months for transformers.

As for the water, the people spoke of how Sabinah's residents could not clean and remove the accumulations, having to use the tanks provided by the two governorates which consisted of 90 barrels in every tank.

Despite the municipal's assertion on supplying wells for the residents, the theft of the wells' equipment and the lack of self-protection provided for the security of facilities, prevent the wells from being activated in the city, according to its supervisors.

Based on sources near to the regime, the number of families who have entered Sabinah have reached 1250, of which 450 are residents of Al-Quneitra governorate. The city is entered in groups successively, through "Hay Al-Sharqataty" "Hay Al-Masaken" and "Hay Al-Gaatheen."

Residents are not permitted to enter area north of the river because of the security situation there and its adjacency to "Al-Hajar Al-Aswad" and "Hujera."

Eye witnesses' approximate that 80% of the camp has been completely destroyed, especially in the area extending from "Moaz Bin Gabal" mosque until the Kurds' bakery, which is considered the western entrance of the camp.

In another context, the State Council Court in Greece issued a decree on September 23, to forcibly deport the first group of Syrian refugees to Turkey.



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Judicial sources told the media that more than 750 Syrian refugees will be affected by the court's decision to forcibly displace them.

Two Syrian refugees appealed the decision after failing to reach out to human rights organizations, hoping to overturn the decision. The head of the International Federation for Human Rights said that the decision "violates the rights of refugees" and that the rights organizations supporting the refugees can bring the case to the European Court of Human Rights.



This decision comes within the formal agreement between the European Union and Turkey, signed in Brussels in March 2016, stating that the new immigrants arriving in Greece after March 20th are to be displaced to Turkey.

Greek assurances in printed leaflets that were previously distributed and suspended in the Greek islands, stated that "the agreement does not include Palestinian- Syrians because they are classified as without a homeland" which has been implemented with no further action taken, making their situation ambiguous and turbulent. Greece has studied and taken decisions regarding all refugees of other nationalities.



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Local Work Committee:

Jafra Foundation for Relief and Development in south Damascus is distributing food baskets to the families displaced from Yarmouk camp to the neighboring towns of Yelda, Babilla and Beit Sahm. The families were forced to leave their homes after ISIS took control of the camp in April 2015.

On another hand, the Charitable association for Palestinian Relief gave children's milk to Palestinian families who were displaced from Yarmouk camp to Qudsaya area and the towns of Yelda, Babilla and Beit Sahm in south Damascus. This comes as part of the health care program and the completion of the emergency response program launched by the Foundation, in several Palestinian camps and gatherings.



The charity pointed out those displaced from Yarmouk camp suffer from a large shortage of food and children's milk.

Palestinian refugees living in Yarmouk refugee camp and neighboring towns are suffering from extremely harsh living



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conditions, because of the ongoing war in Syria and its reflection on their economic and living conditions.

About 6,000 Palestinian families, mostly who have been displaced from the Yarmouk refugee camp in Damascus, live in the Qudsaya area, while 2,000 are living in the neighboring towns.

Palestinians of Syria: September 25, 2017 Statistics:

- The total number of victims documented by the Action Group is 3587, including 462 women
- 1637 Palestinians are locked up behind Syrian government's bars, 103 of which are women
- Yarmouk refugee camp is under the Syrian regime army and Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine's siege for 1,531 days in a row
- 199 refugees, mainly in Yarmouk Camp, have died due to lack of medical care and malnutrition
- Water supplies have been cut off Deraa Camp for 1268 days, and 1108 days in Yarmouk Camp
- Residents of Handarat Camp, in Aleppo have been banned from their homes for 1,604 days. Government troops have taken over the camp for more than 355 days.
- Approximately 85 thousand Palestinian-Syrian refugees fled to Europe by the end of 2016
- 31 thousand refugees are located in Lebanon
- 17 thousand refugees are sheltered in Jordan
- 6 thousand refugees are in Egypt
- 8 thousand refugees are staying in Turkey
- One thousand refugees are present in Gaza