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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"On the eve of the International Day of Solidarity with Palestinian Journalists, the Action Group: We Have Documented the Death of 17 Palestinian Journalists since the Beginning of War in Syria"

- ISIS tightens security in Yarmouk and orders its members to carry weapons permanently
- Air raid targets area inhibited by Palestinian families in Deraa
- Rocket lands near the Martyrs' Cemetery in Neirab Camp
- Al-Wafideen camp in the Damascus suburb hit by two mortar shells
- Al-Qadam fighters' release postponed indefinitely



Latest Developments

On the International Day of Solidarity with Palestinian Journalist, on September 26th of each year, AGPS stated that, "The group's monitoring and documentation team, recorded the names of 17 Palestinian journalists of various academic or volunteering competencies and who have sometimes become part of developmental-relief-media work. They died in various Syrian regions during their media coverage of the ongoing events since March 2011." AGPS confirmed that in reality, the number is much bigger than this, under the circumstances of arrest, declaration of death or difficulty in accessing official records. In addition, the consequent responsibilities on the families of the victims, most of whom died as a result of the disappearance, torture, bombardments or in clashes.



The research team in AGPS had previously released a report titled "Victims of Palestinian media work in Syria" through which it highlighted an important aspect of the suffering of an important segment of the Palestinian people in Syria; the Palestinian media segment of specialists and volunteers who have given their lives



during their coverage of the Syrian events in order to present the truth and deliver the original stories with words, sound and picture.

Meanwhile, in Yarmouk camp, ISIS's leaders released a new decision to tighten security in the areas it controls. The decision forces its members to carry their weapons permanently and continuously, especially when going to mosques. Those who disobey these instructions are to be punished if caught without their weapons.

In the past few tensions, ISIS had tension in its ranks due to salary cuts for the second month which led to the resentment and discontent of many of its members. A number of fighters also left towards the area of "Al-Maazniyeh" of those who want to leave the area with Al-Qadam fighters.



In another context, AGPS's correspondent in Deraa said that the Syrian forces bombarded "Al-Mansheya" neighborhood, which is inhabited by dozens of Palestinian families, as well as places in the city and areas of faction control. This coincided with the continued outbreak of clashes between the regime forces and the affiliated



armed groups on one hand and the militant and Islamic factions on the other.

Al-Sad Road neighborhood holds a number of Palestinian refugee families in south Syria, as well as hundreds of those have been displaced from Deraa camp.

In a similar context, Al-Wafideen camp, home to a number of Palestinian families, was hit by two mortar shells. Damage was limited to materials. The security situation in the neighboring cities and towns to the camp is deteriorating. The camp which is 20 kilometers away from the capital Damascus, is regularly bombarded. As a result, the camp's residents have been negatively affected, despite the fact that they are already suffering from the terrible conditions and the rise of unemployment even before the outbreak of events in Syria.

AGPS's correspondent also reported the state of fear and panic that hit the residents of Neirab camp for Palestinian refugees in Aleppo, after a rocket fell near the Martyr's cemetery. No injuries were recorded amongst the civilians. The rocket landed in the dawn of Tuesday, in the direction of Al-Rashideen and Gameyet Al-Zahra areas, which are controlled by the armed opposition factions west of Aleppo. These areas are still in a state of tension, clashes and shelling.

Our reporter in the suburb of Damascus confirmed the exit of Al-Qadam fighters and a number of civilians to the north of Syria, expected to happen on Tuesday, was postponed indefinitely without giving reasons for the delay.



As leaked news revealed, the reason for the postponement was the lack of guarantees and protection of the groups leaving the neighborhood, especially after the Syrian Red Crescent refused to accompany the convoys to be evacuated, as well as threats they received by sectarian militias to seize convoys coming from Al-Qadam towards north Syria, as happened in Aleppo and considering them prisoners until they are released from the numbers of Kafriya and AlFouaa towns.



For its part, ISIS threatened to storm Al-Qadam neighborhood and take control of it if the fighters leave, as well as shelling the convoys and buses that will come in to get the fighters out of the area.

ISIS had previously prevented the people of south Damascus from reaching Al-Qadam, despite it being agreed on with the Syrian regime. It placed barriers in the direction of "Al-Maazniyeh" in Al-Qadam, after a number of fighters escaped with the neighborhood's fighters and the increase in the movement of the people from south of Damascus to accompany those departing to the north.



Palestinians of Syria: September 26, 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 1,532 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 1269 days, and 1109 days in Yarmouk Camp
- Residents of Handarat Camp, in Aleppo have been banned from their homes for 1,605 days. Government troops have taken over the camp for more than 356 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