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### *"Palestinian and Syrian Refugees Detained in Macedonian Prisons in Inhuman Conditions Demand their Release"*



- The Syrian Opposition Armed Groups Demand the Yarmouk Residents to Evacuate their Camp.
- The Yarmouk Residents Demand the Entry of urgent Aid to the their camp.
- Heavy shelling Target the Vicinity of Khan Al Shieh Camp in Damascus Suburb.
- The Syrian Regular Army Continues Preventing Sbiena Residents of Returning to their homes since 7th of November 2013.
- Water Still cut at Daraa Camp since 1st of April 2014, and almost 70 % of its Buildings were Destroyed.
- Jafra Foundation Continues "Water Drop" Campaign in Khan Al Shieh Camp in Damascus Suburb.
- Turkey Arrests 250 Illegal Emigrants while Trying to Reach Europe, Including 53 Palestinian Syrian Refugees.

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### ***Macedonia***

*Palestinian Syrian refugees who are detained on charges of entering the country illegally in the Macedonian prisons demanded the United Nations Commission, the international organizations, and the Human Rights to intervene in order to release them and help them find a solution to their problem, and to allow them to emigrate to European countries. They also stressed the improvement of their living conditions inside "Ghazi Baba" Camp in which they live, which it is similarly as a detainee.*

*The prisons lack to the minimum conditions of hygiene and healthy food, in addition to the small spaces and in large numbers. The detainees demanded their release and allow them to complete their way to Europe. It is noteworthy that Macedonia is one of the points which refugees go through escaping from the war in Syria to Europe.*

*It is worth mentioning that dozens of Palestinian and Syrian detainees in Macedonian prisons have declared a hunger strike on 22nd of December, protesting at the continued detention in harsh conditions.*

### ***Recent Updates***

*Armed groups of the Syrian opposition in the town of Yalda in Damascus suburb demanded the residents Yarmouk to evacuate the camp within a maximum of 48 hours. Meanwhile, Facebook pages shared pictures of a banner hung on Yalda checkpoint "Please residents of the Yarmouk refugee camp evacuate the camp Today or tomorrow; all roads will be*



*completely closed and will prevent the entry and exit until further notice, due to security reasons."*

*In the same context, hundreds of Yarmouk residents organized a sit-in yesterday entitled as " Here we are staying in the Yarmouk refugee camp" in front of the headquarters of UNRWA in the Yarmouk refugee camp. The sit- in came after the invitation launched by NGOs in the camp, and an expression of their rejection of the calls, which were hanged on the checkpoint of Yalda, that calls people of the Yarmouk refugee camp to leave and flee in two days. Protesters demanded International relief authorities to enter and distribute aid inside the besieged camp and not in neighboring towns.*



*In terms of living conditions, the residents of Yarmouk camp are still suffering of dire living conditions and lack of the necessities of life because of the continued siege imposed on the camp since 15th of July 2013; as well as ISIS breaking into the camp since 1st of April 2015.*



*Meanwhile, the Syrian warplanes targeted Al Muzaireb town in Daraa province, south of Syria, which is home about 8500 Palestinian refugees, with an explosive barrel which caused a state of fear and panic among residents who are living in a state of tension and instability due to the continued targeting by explosive barrels and car bombs, which claimed the lives of many residents.*

*In Damascus, heavy shelling targeted the adjacent farms of Khan Al Shieh camp in Damascus suburb, while news reported number of victims, coincided with the sound of violent clashes in the vicinity of the regiment "137".*

*A state of panic and tension spread throughout the camp which inhabited by hundreds of Palestinian displaced families from their camps because of the bombing and the siege.*

*In the meantime, the residents of Sbeina camp are still prevented from returning back to their homes for 530 days, especially after the regular army control over the town on 7-11-2015. According to testimonies of some governmental employees who were allowed to enter the camp, that more than 80% of the camp were almost completely destroyed, especially the area between Moaaz Ibn JAbal mosque, which forms the western entrance of the camp, and the camp's bakery which is known as Kurds Bakery. The rest of areas till the UNRWA Schools area at the end of the eastern side of the camp need restoration. The testimonies reported that the undestroyed houses of the Syrian opposition were burnt, and most of them are unfurnished.*





*On 11-11-2013 only civil committees of the PFGC were allowed to enter the camp and the rest of the town which are under the control of the regime, while the residents were not allowed to return back to it.*

*On the other hand, the residents of Daraa south of Syria are suffering of stifling water crisis, as water cut for 2010 days amid the absence of most basic services; such as hospitals, power, and communication. It is mentioned that almost 70 % of the camp's houses became inhabitable due to the heavy shelling that targeted the camp during the past months forcing hundreds of families to leave the camp and fled to the neighboring areas for fear of their lives. Meanwhile, the residents are complaining of the UNRWA's negligence of its work inside the camp, as they did not receive any aid, while UNRWA distributes its aid only in the neighboring areas where many residents are unable to reach for fear of being arrested at checkpoints.*

### ***Civil Work Committees***

*The volunteers of Jafara Association continue their campaign of "Water Drop" in Khan Al Shieh camp in Damascus suburb, as they distributing water to the houses of the camp. It is worth mentioning that the camp is suffering of several crises; namely the closure of all roads linking the camp to the center of the capital Damascus except for "Zakia-Khan Al Shieh" road which is always targeted with shelling and sniping. The camp also suffers of power cut for long periods in addition to the high prices of basic supplies and fuel.*



### **Turkey**

*350 refugees were detained by the Turkish coast guards, including 53 Palestinian Syrian refugees while trying to reach Europe from Mersin overlooking the Mediterranean Sea.*

*The Coast Guard noted in a statement that it had foiled an attempt of illegal immigration in the district of Anamur, Mersin province, where 350 emigrants were arrested including women and children were trying to migrate to Europe from the Italian coast.*

*The Turkish coast guards managed to arrest the crew of the ship that was composed of 10 people, as they seized the ship and boat and transferred immigrants and crew to the leadership of the gendarmerie in the region.*

*It is noteworthy that the Turkish authorities had launched a campaign of mass arrests against human traffickers in western state of Izmir, on the back of hundreds of migrants who sank in the Mediterranean, where about "1000" illegal immigrants died including Palestinian and Syrian refugees.*



***Numbers and Statistics till 26/4/2015***

- *At least 27933 Palestinian Syrian refugees have reached Europe during the last 4 years.*
- ***The Yarmouk Camp:*** - *Siege, imposed by the Regular Army and PFGC, continued for 659 days respectively. In addition, power cuts continued for more than 739 days, water was cut for 229 days respectively. The number of victims due to the siege has reached to 174 victims.*
- *80,000 Palestinian Syrian refugees escaped from Syria to the neighboring towns, including 10,687 refugees in Jordan, 51,300 in Lebanon and 6,000 refugees in Egypt, according to UNRWA statistics till February 2015.*
- ***Al Husayneyya Camp:*** - *Regular Army is still preventing the residents of the camp to return back to their houses for 559 days respectively.*
- ***Al Sbeina Camp:*** - *Regular Army is still preventing the residents of the camp to return back to their houses for 530 days respectively.*
- ***Handarat Camp:*** - *Residents have left the camp for 732 days after the Syrian Opposition Groups controlled it.*
- ***Dara'a Camp:*** - *It is now almost 375 days without water and 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.*