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### Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria

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"Cyprus Rescues 300 People Including Palestinian Syrian Refugees, and Forcibly Breaks up a Sit-in Carried out on the Barge to Demand Deportation to Italy"



- Helicopters target Handarat Camp in Aleppo with two explosive barrels.
- Resumption of food aids distribution to the residents of the Yarmouk Camp in the light of water cut for the 18th day respectively.
- The residents of Al Nairab Camp in Aleppo suffer of stressful crises.
- Human rights organization in Lebanon follows the issue of the detained Palestinian Syrian in charges of illegal immigration.
- A sit-in for the Palestinian refugees of Syria in Beirut protesting against the financial aid cut.
- Four Palestinian families arrive to Kls shelter center on the Syrian Turkish boarders.

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#### **Cyprus**

Cyprus Coast Guards confirms that, yesterday, they rescued a boat carried about 300 person including Palestinian Syrian and Syrians. The Cyprus Department of Defense announced that it had received a distress call came over the radio "from a ship about to sink, a distance of about 50 nautical miles south-west of the tourism city of Paphos. After this call the Coast Guard rushed to rescue the boat and its people, the statement pointed out that all the refugees who have been rescued are fine and in a good health.

It is noteworthy that the boat had been launched from the shores of Mersin, Turkey on 23.09.2014 and was carrying many Palestinian Syrian and Syrian refugees who have fled from the hell of war in Syria.

In the same context, the Palestinian Syrian refugees sit-in aboard the barge that rescued them and refused to get off, demanding Cypriot authorities to deport them to Italy. The Cyprus authorities forced them to get off the barge and took them to a dedicated center for asylum for illegal refugees. Consequently,



The boat that Cyprus Coast Guards rescued

The refugees launched a distress call appealed to the International Red Cross, all the institutions, humanitarian agencies, the European Commission and the Palestinian consulate to intervene in order to solve their problem and release them.



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### **Recent Updates**

Explosive barrels targeted Handarat Camp in Aleppo north of Syria, as two barrels at least were dropped inside the camp resulted in massive destruction in the residents' houses and properties. It is referred that Handarat Camp was inhabited by about 20,000 Palestinian and Syrian refugees, and they left the camp on 27-4-2013 due to the repeated clashes and shelling.

The residents were displaced, their properties were invaded and their homes were bombed and destroyed and a number of them was killed and wounded, so the people in the camp insist on putting the responsibility on the parties of the conflict in Syria and demanded to neutralize the camp and return to it as soon as possible.

Meanwhile, clashes broke out in the Yarmouk Camp south the Syrian capital Damascus between the armed groups and the Regular Army alongside with the PF-GC on many crossings, the most violent was the crossing of Yarmouk municipality in Palestine Street.

The distribution of limited quantity of food aids resumed yesterday morning on the residents of the Yarmouk Camp, where the people gathered near AL Righa square to wait their turn to get food aids. The food aids distribution coincided with getting some students out of the Camp to continue their study, while the water is still cut for all over the camp for the 18th day respectively, which led to the spread of many diseases.



Distribution of food aid in Yarmouk Camp

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The residents of the camp complain of the continuous siege imposed on the camp by the Regular Army and groups of the PF-GC for 434 days respectively, as they prevent the entry of food and medical supplies, except in very limited quantities through UNRWA and some relief organizations.

Meanwhile, the suffering of the residents of AL Nairab Camp in Aleppo is still aggravating as a result of high prices and the greedy merchants in addition to the severe shortage of food and medicine. The suffering is worsen also due to the power cut since 13-1-2013, which led the residents to share private generators to light their homes and shops, but the owners of these generators, recently, reduce the hours of lighting houses and shops from 10 hours to 6 hours because the high cost of fuel.

The residents of the camp also complain of the water cut and the fact that they have to buy it or extract it from the wells, which is added a new financial burdens, in addition to the continuous cut of cellular and landline communications network and the lack of the Internet for several days and weeks. All this come in light of the lack of financial resources and the spread of unemployment caused by the reflection of the repercussions of the conflict in Syria.



Alnairab Camp

### **Turkey**

The Action Group correspondent in Kls shelter center, which contains Palestinian Syrian and Syrian refugees, on the Syrian Turkish boarders, confirmed the arrival of four Palestinian Syrian families to the center on Thursday, 25th of September coming from Lebanese territory.



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Our correspondent added that those families, numbering to 25 people, have left Lebanon because of the difficulty of living and tough measures taken by the Lebanese government to prevent the Palestinians from Syria to enter the territory through the non-renewal of their residencies and deport them to Syria, prompting them to risk their lives and resort to Turkey to search for safety.

It is noteworthy that hundreds of Palestinian Syrian families have to come to Turkey because of the bombing and siege, where most of them are suffering of economic and legal problems, as most of them entered Turkey illegally because the Turkish embassy in Lebanon refused to give them visas to Turkish territory without giving reasons.

#### Lebanon

The Palestinian Organization for Human Rights "Shahid" followed up the issue of Palestinian Syrian and Lebanese refugees who were arrested by the Lebanese authorities on 24-9-2014 on the shore of Tripoli Port.

The refugees were arrested while they were trying to illegally immigrate through Lebanon to Italy. "Shahid" followed up the issue with the leadership of interior Security forces regarding their bad humanitarian situation, where authorities promised to address it immediately, through converting them to the Directorate General of Public Security concerning them as the category of foreigners, then the PSD regarding the necessary legal procedures and then release them.



The arrested refugees in Lebanon

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On the other hand, dozens of Palestinian Syrian families sit- in, in front of the UNRWA Office in Beirut to protest against the actions of UNRWA, which reduced their submissions and services for Palestinian refugees from Syria and whereby suspended aid to more than 1,100 Palestinian families under false pretenses related to discretionary standards developed by UNRWA.

The protesters handed over a memorandum to the director of (UNRWA) in Beirut in which they demanded to take back its decision and take their human responsibilities towards refugees from Syria and increase health, relief and sheltered services rather than reduced it. A crowd of refugees has participated in the protest from all regions of Lebanon, representatives of the Palestinian resistance factions, delegations from civic Committees and civic unions and the masses of Beirut camps of displaced committees'.



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