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"AGPS Condemns Onslaughts on Activists, Civilians in Khan Al-Shih Refugee Camp"



- Relief activist assassinated on way to fetch bread for Yarmouk refugees
- Palestine Charity grieves for slain activist Khaled Al-Khalidi; European Network for Palestinians of Syria slams assassination of Khaled
- Deraa camp hit with gas cylinders and mortar shells
- Nine Palestinians, sheltered in Khan Al-Shih camp, have gone missing, five among whom in northeastern Al-Suweida

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Press Statement

The Khan Al-Shih camp for Palestinian refugees, in Damascus's western suburbs, has been grappling with a tough siege for over 30 days. As a result, the refugee population of Khan Al-Shih, estimated at 15,000 displaced Syrians and Palestinians, has run out of basic food and life-saving medicines.

In a renewed and flagrant violation of humanitarian ethics, Syrian regime snipers cold-bloodedly gunned down the relief campaigner Khaled Assaad Al-Khalidi on the Khan Al-Shih—Zakia road as he attempted to fetch bread loafs for the blockade children, women, elderly refugees, and disabled civilians in the camp.



AGPS denounces the repeated crimes perpetrated against the Palestinian refugees in Syria and the inhumane attacks on relief activists, press agents, and unarmed civilians:

- *AGPS calls on the international community and all humanitarian and legal institutions to step up pressure on all warring parties in Syria so as to neutralize the Khan Al-Shih camp and protect the disarmed*



Palestinian refugees from the lavas of explosive barrels and missile strikes rocking the camp for weeks.

- *AGPS pushes for lifting the blockade slapped on the camp and allowing a safe passage for basic food items and medicines via the thoroughfares leading to the camp.*
- *AGPS calls for ceasing offensives on civilians and unpaid assistants in the camp and for allowing a free passage out of and into the camp for relief and humanitarian crews so as to meet the refugees' urgent needs.*

Victims:

The Syrian regime forces killed the benevolent activist and member of the Palestine Charity Commission in Khan Al-Shih, Khaled Assaad Al-Khalidi, on his way to Zakia town to hunt for bread for the impoverished refugees, besieged for 27 days in a row.

Latest Developments:

The Palestine Charity Commission mourned, in a statement posted on its Facebook page, the death of its staff member Khaled Al-Khalidi.

With a mixture of sorrow and pride, the commission mourned its “hero” Al-Khalidi, whom it said has been an icon of altruism, self-abnegation, courage, and dedication all the way through his benevolent involvement with the commission.



“Khaled had spared no single effort to assuage the tragic upshots of the war and the blockade inflicted on the refugees and displaced people in the camp,” the statement read.

According to the commission, an unidentified person also sustained wounds in the deadly onslaught targeting the accessroad to Zakia town.

The group vowed to keep up its humanitarian services in Khan Al-Shih camp so to boost the refugees’ stamina.

The commission pledged that it will try every possible effort to preserve the neutrality of the camp and maintain the dignity of the Palestinian refugees until they return to their motherland-Palestine.

A statement by the European Network for the Palestinians of Syria also slammed the murder of activist Al-Khalidi in the blockaded Khan Al-Shih camp.

The European Network strongly condemned the crime perpetrated by the Syrian regime sharpshooters, dubbing it a “war crime” that requires “international prosecution.”



The statement acclaimed Al-Khalidi’s active role in supplying the camp with foodstuff and in assuaging the disastrous effects of the blockade and of food shortage.



The group urged the Syrian and Russian co-conspirators to cease air strikes and artillery bombardment on the camp and to lift the illegitimate siege slapped on thousands of civilians, children, women, and sick refugees.

It further pushed for allowing the access of urgent relief items into the camp.



Meanwhile, a gas cylinder and a round of mortar shells were slammed into various areas of the Deraa refugee camp on Wednesday, with no reported injuries.

Residents of Deraa camp have often launched distress signals over the unbearable conditions they have been made to endure in the camp, where nearly 80% of homes and civilian structures have been reduced to rubble. A crisis rocked the camp due to the acute shortage in basic food items and medical kit, along with the ongoing water and power blackouts.

Activists sounded the alarm over the propagation of deadly germs among the refugee community, the bulk of which have resorted to waste water to



irrigate their famished children. The camp has also been bereaved of all clinics and health centers.

In a related development, nine Palestinian refugees taking shelter in Khan Al-Shih camp, have gone missing over the past few days. According to AGPS field team, five refugees—Omar Suleiman, Omar Suleiman, Khaled Suleiman, Ammar Aziz, Khaled Hussein—have gone missing as they passed through Rajam Al-Baqar area in the northeastern outskirts of the ISIS-led Al-Suweida province . The missing youths fled the beleaguered camp in an attempt to seek a safe shelter in Europe via Turkey.

Three other youngsters have gone missing since three days. They were identified by AGPS as: Ahmad Mahmoud Issa, Motassem Ahmad Youssef, and Nidhal Youssef Khalifa. The youngsters disappeared on the Khan Al-Shih—Zakia accessroad following bloody hostilities between the Syrian regime militias and opposition outfits.

At the same time, AGPS on-the-spot reporters said the three youths were kidnapped by the Syrian regime squads in Dierkhabiya and that their fate remains unknown up to now.

The Palestinian refugee Moussa Ahmad has also gone missing for five days. No reports emerged on his current location or fate up to the moment of writing.

According to AGPS statistics, 297 Palestinian refugees have gone missing since the outbreak of bloody warfare in Syria.



Palestinians of Syria: October 27, 2016 Statistics:

- *There are 15,500 Palestinian-Syrian refugees in Jordan.*
- *42,500 Palestinian-Syrian refugees are in Lebanon.*
- *6,000 Palestinian-Syrian refugees are sheltered in Egypt, according to UNRWA figures covering the period from July 2015 backwards.*
- *8,000 Palestinian-Syrian refugees are taking shelter in Turkey.*
- *1,000 Palestinian-Syrian refugees reside in the blockaded Gaza Strip.*
- *Over 79,000 Palestinian Syrian refugees fled to Europe until mid 2016.*
- *Yarmouk refugee camp has been blockaded by the Syrian regime army and Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine - General Command PFLP-GC for 1,227 days in a row. Electricity and water supplies have been cut off, respectively, for 1,288 days and 747 days. The number of those killed due to the blockade has hit 190.*
- *Sbiena refugee camp: Refugees could not go back to their homes as a result of the blockade slapped by the Syrian regime forces since 1,080 days running.*
- *Handarat refugee camp: All refugees left the camp since 1,272 days after opposition outfits grabbed hold of the area.*
- *Deraa refugee camp: Water has been cut off for 930 consecutive days while 70% of its buildings have been knocked down.*
- *Homs camp, Hama camp, Jaramana camp, al-Sayda Zeinab camp, Al-Raml camp: A of State of relative calm has been reported in the abovementioned areas. However, economic crises have been on the rise.*
- *Khan al-Shih refugee camp: All access roads to the camp have been closed off, except for the Zakia-Khan Al-Shih passageway.*