

التقرير اليومي الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية

Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria

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"Pro-Government Liwa Al-Quds Military Commander
Mohamed Rafaa Killed in Aleppo Clashes"



- Khan Al-Sheih Camp blockaded for 60th consecutive day
- Palestinian refugee kidnapped by Syrian forces near Lebanese borders
- Children awareness-raising campaign wrapped up in southern Damascus
- Palestinians of Syria in low spirits due to Germany's "subsidiary asylum" law

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Victims

Military operations commander at the pro-government Liwa Al-Quds Brigades, Mohamed Rafaa, was killed in clashes with the armed opposition outfits in the Baidine district of Aleppo.

Palestinian refugee Rafaa took part in numerous military offensives by the Al-Quds Brigades and received several marks of distinction from senior Russian officers.



Latest Developments

The Syrian regime forces have kept a tight rein on all access road out of and into Khan Al-Sheih Camp, in Rural Damascus, for 60 days running, resulting in an acute dearth in basic foodstuff and emergency kit.

AGPS documented the death of 197 Palestinians sheltered in Khan Al-Sheih due to the unabated hostilities and deadly blitzes on the disarmed camp.

Reports have, meanwhile, emerged on an imminent deal to be struck between the regime troops and the opposition forces in Khan Al-Sheih.

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Key to the projected deal is the withdrawal of the opposition battalions to Idlib. 300 refugees are also expected to retreat from the camp for fear of being killed by the government fighters.

As the deal is just around the corner, residents of Khan Al-Sheih, who have been on tenterhooks, raised concerns over their fate in case the regime squads hold sway over the entire camp.

At the same time, the Palestinian refugee Abd Kacem Dhaher, sheltered in Khan Al-Sheih, was kidnapped by the government battalions on the Syrian-Lebanese borders.

According to AGPS data, 1,130 Palestinians have been incarcerated in Syrian regime jails, 109 among whom had been taking refuge in Khan Al-Sheih Camp.



Meanwhile, Palestinian activists from the Yarmouk Camp and youth campaigners from Babila, in cooperation with Dr. Abu Omar, wrapped up a campaign in Palestinian schools and other southern Damascus schools to raise children's health awareness.

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Head of the Civil Surgical Hospital, Dr. Abu Omar, reportedly examined 1,000 schoolchildren, 40% among whom were diagnosed with lice and 15% with scabies.

The campaigners handed out soap and anti-lice shampoo to the children, along with drugs to treat skin rash inflicted by poor hygiene and contaminated water.



In another development, the Higher Administrative Court in the northern German city of Schleswig-Holstein has ruled that Syrian refugees are only entitled to subsidiary protection, rather than full asylum, in keeping with immigration authority regulations.

The panel of adjudicators said Syrians who come to Germany should only be offered "subsidiary protection" - a designation under European law that means they are only entitled to stay in Germany one year, rather than three, and are not allowed to bring their families with them.

One of the points of contention in the case had been whether or not refugees face political persecution, arrest or torture upon returning to

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Syria. Should one of those factors be proven, the applicant has a right to full asylum.

Thousands of refugees have appealed against the court rule due to the legal disadvantages implied by the partial asylum status. Most importantly, it means parents cannot bring their children or any other close relative out of Syria for at least two years.

94,000 Syrian refugees have only been granted the second-tier status.

Palestinians of Syria: November 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 1,258 days in a row. Electricity and water supplies have been cut off, respectively, for 1,317 days and 778 days. The number of those killed due to the blockade has hit 191.

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- Sbiena refugee camp: Refugees could not go back to their homes as a result of the blockade slapped by the Syrian regime forces since 1,111 days running.
- Handarat refugee camp: All refugees left the camp since 1,303 days after opposition outfits grabbed hold of the area.
- Deraa refugee camp: Water has been cut off for 961 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-Sheih refugee camp: All access roads out of and into the camp have been closed off by the Syrian regime army for 60 days running.