



التقرير اليومي الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية

Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria

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"Libya Recovers Tens of Bodies Drawn in a Death Boat, and Austria Confirms Victims of the Truck Increased to 71"



- *Shelling at YRMOUK, Khan Al Shieh, and Sides of Khan Dannon Camp in Damascus Suburb*
- *Residents of Husseneia Fear of Return Following Arresting an Old Refugee*
- *Prisoners Exchange Deal Includes a Palestinian Female Activist from Yarmouk*
- *Syrian Security Forces Arrest a Member of Alquds Brigade*

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Recent Updates

An Officer in the Libyan coast guards at Tripoli insured that they were able to recover the bodies of tens of drowned migrants due to the sinking of their boat on last Thursday, which was launched from Zwara city in Libya heading to Italy; he referred to that there are dozens of missed people.

A security Officer from Zwara city west of Libya said that the boat was launched with about 400 people onboard; lots of people were stuck in the luggage store when it capsized.

He added that the Libyan coast guards rescued more than 200 people till moment who were onboard, 147 were transferred to the facility of keeping the refugees in Seprata western of Libya. The German news agencies mentioned that two boats were in their way to Europe, which include about 500 migrants, capsized in front of Libyan coasts amid fears of the hundreds' death.

It is worthy to mention that till this moment information about the migrants victims' identities were not published yet, where dozens of Palestinian Syrian refugees were onboard. Libya is considered amongst the most launching points for the refugees' trips, who escaped the ongoing war in Syria to Europe.





In a related context, the Austrian authorities declared that the suffocation catastrophe in the meat truck victims were 71 bodies, there were 59 men, eight women and four children, including a young girl aged one or two.

The Austrian Police arrested a number of people who have relations with the suffocation truck tragedy. It referred that the smuggling network includes criminals and Bulgarians and some of them were arrested in Hungary. The Austrian Police insured that the victims had died from suffocation, and the bodies will be transferred to the Forensic Examinations and Expertise department at Vienna for revealing the real reason for death.

It is mentioned that the Austrian Police found the day before a lorry that is full of dozens of dead bodies for migrants, who died from suffocation, the lorry was found on the highway near the borders with Hungary.



On the other hand, a number of shells and bombing targeted different places in the Yarmouk camp in Damascus coincided with warplanes hovering and sporadic clashes between Palestinian armed groups with ISIS alongside Alnusra Front.

In terms of living aspect, the remained refugees are suffering of tragic situation due to the lack of food and power cut for more than a year and a half.

In the same context, a mortar shell targeted Al SAed Street at Khan Al Shieh camp in Damascus suburb, and resulted in material damages, and no injuries were reported till the moment.



This shelling comes in light of the Syrian regime closure of all roads linking the camp with the center of the capital Damascus, except for Zakia-Khan Al Shieh road.

Meanwhile, heavy shelling targeted a group of the Syrian armed opposition in the sides of Khan Dannon camp-Altiba town in Damascus suburb, and resulted in a number of victims and injuries.

Moreover, residents are complaining of significant high cost of living, food, and houses rent due to the large displacement of other camps' residents who were forced to flee because of shelling and siege.

On the other hand, members of Husseneia checkpoint of the Syrian security arrested the old man Abu Hisham Alqinlawi, 80 years, while returning to Husseneia camp in Damascus suburb, provoking a state of anxiety to residents who became hesitant to return to their homes for fear of being arrested.

On August 26, 2015, the Syrian security forces prevented the family of the Palestinian refugee, Ewaid Alhassan, to return to their house, and arrested a member of them, noting that three brothers of this family died due to torture in the Syrian prisons in charges of dissident from the PLA; the brothers are: Lieutenant Ahmed, Mohammed, and Ayman Ewaid.

Meanwhile, activists and a number of residents accused the Syrian Regime Forces centered at the Camp's checkpoint of arresting more than 20 people from Husseneia camp including women, while allowing some families to return on August 16.

Release

The Syrian security forces released the 23-year-Palestinian female activist Salam Ammar from Yarmouk yesterday.

According to activists, the activist was released following a bargain for exchange prisoners between the Syrian regime and one of the armed Syrian opposition groups.

It is worth mentioning that Syrian security forces arrested the activist while leaving the Yarmouk camp through Beit Sahem checkpoint about five months ago.



Arrest

Syrian security members arrested the Syrian refugee Abdullah Sahtout, a member of Alquds brigades who fighting alongside the Syrian regular army. Sahtout is from Nairab camp and was arrested on Aleppo-Homs road.

It is worth mentioning that Alquds brigade is formed of a group of Palestinians affiliated and fighting alongside the Syrian regime at more than front North of Syria.



Numbers and Statistics till 28/8/2015:-

- 15,500 Palestinian Syrian refugees in Jordan, 45,000 Palestinian Syrian refugees in Lebanon, and 6,000 refugees in Egypt, according to the UNRWA's statistics till July 2015.
- At least 36,000 Palestinian Syrian refugees have reached Europe during the last 4 years.
- **The Yarmouk Camp:** - Siege, imposed by the Regular Army and PFGC, continued for 787 days respectively. In addition, power cuts continued for more than 857 days, water was cut for 347 days respectively. The number of victims due to the siege has reached to 180 victims.
- **Al Sbeina Camp:** - Regular Army is still preventing the residents of the camp to return back to their houses for 649 days respectively.



- **Handarat Camp:** - Residents have left the camp for 850 days after the Syrian Opposition Groups controlled it.
- **Dara'a Camp:** - It is now almost 494 days without water and 70% of its buildings were demolished.
- **Jarmana, 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 Shieh road.