

# التقرير اليومي الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية

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

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"Palestinians from Syria in Jordan Subjected to Precarious

Legal, Humanitarian Situation"



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#### Latest Developments

Over 17,000 Palestinian refugees from Syria in Jordan have been categorized as vulnerable due to their precarious legal status and exacerbated living conditions.

The majority of the Palestinians from Syria entered Jordan through irregular means as a result of the Jordanian closed-door immigration policy barring the refugees' legal entry.

The refugees' vulnerable legal status has reduced their access to the job market and increased the risk of refoulement.



Several Palestinians who fled Syria for fear of being killed under shelling and the blockade have been shorn of their right to legal stays and health care.

The swift price hike, steep rental fees, and daily crackdowns, along with the apathy maintained by the concerned international and Palestinian bodies as regards the crisis, have added insult to the injury.



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In a related development, residents of Khan Dannun Camp have been enduring abject living conditions due to the price leap, lack of humanitarian assistance, the transportation crisis, and the frequent water and power blackouts.

Reporting from Khan Dannun shelter, located some 23 kilometers away from southern Damascus, AGPS news correspondent said civilians' access out of and into the area has almost been blocked. Workers and students have also had difficulties getting to their workplaces and universities.

Khan Dannun residents further spoke out against the steep and unfixed transportation fees, often devouring up to a quarter of their salaries. Civilians are often forced to catch another means of transportation as bus drivers change the lines, stops, and fees according to their whims. Others have found no other way-out than to walk for thousands of meters in order to reach their workplaces.

At the same time, Palestinian refugees in Deraa, AlMuzeireeb, Jilin, and Tel Shehab, south of Syria, have sounded distress signals over the tragic health situation due to the unabated onslaughts rocking the area.

The area has also been devoid of clinics and hospitals, except for a handful of under-equipped emergency centers. The situation has gone downhill due to UNRWA cuts of its relief services.

Activists attributed the health crisis to the tough cordons imposed by the Syrian government forces on the main access roads out of and into the camp, along with the UNRWA's dragging of its feet vis-à-vis the appeals



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frequently launched by the Palestinian refugee community in southern Syria.



Meanwhile, a report issued by AGPS and the Palestinian Return Centre under the title "Palestinians from Syria and the Closed Doors" warned of the restrictions slapped by the regime troops on Palestinians' access into their disarmed refugee camps, namely the evacuated AlSbeina Camp. A number of pro-government residents of AlHusseiniya Camp were allowed partial access to the shelter.

According to the report, 250 Palestinian families were forced out of Khan AlSheih Camp to Idlib during the last quarter of 2016, following a deal between the Syrian government and the opposition groups.

The report sheds light on the exacerbated situation endured by the Palestinians of Syria as a result of the raging Syrian warfare and the tragic fallouts inflicted on the Palestinian refugee community, including the mass waves of enforced deportation, dislodgement, the tough blockade, and carnages.



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At the same time, the report provides a detailed account of the violations perpetrated against the Palestinians from Syria on the asylum-seeking road and in such new destinations as Lebanon, Jordan, Egypt, Turkey, and Europe.

#### Palestinians of Syria: March 29, 2017 Statistics:

- At least 3,472 Palestinians, including 455 women, were killed in war-torn Syria.
- 1,180 Palestinian refugees, including 86 women, are incarcerated in Syrian government lock-ups.
- Yarmouk refugee camp has been blockaded by the Syrian regime army and Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine General Command (PFLP-GC) for 1,376 days in a row.
- 195 Palestinians died of undernourishment and medical neglect in the blockaded Yarmouk Camp.
- Water supplies cut off in Deraa and Yarmouk camps respectively for 1,082 and 890 days.
- Residents of Handarat Camp, in Aleppo, denied access to their homes for 1,426 days. Government battalions have been holding sway over the camp for more than 160 days.
- Over 79,000 Palestinian Syrian refugees fled to Europe until mid 2016.
- 31,000 Palestinians from Syria are housed in Lebanon.
- 17,000 Palestinians from Syria are taking refuge in Jordan.
- 6,000 Palestinian-Syrian refugees are sheltered in Egypt.



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- 8,000 Palestinian-Syrian refugees are taking shelter in Turkey.
- 1,000 Palestinian-Syrian refugees are sheltered in the blockaded Gaza Strip.