

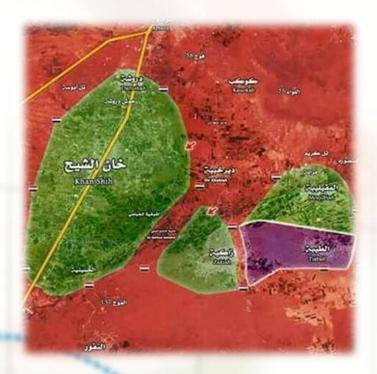
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"Syrian Regime Army Tightens Noose around Khan Al-Shih Camp, Civilians Launch Distress Signals"



- Officer from the Palestine Liberation Army (PLA) wounded in Khan Al-Shih hostilities
- Pro-regime militias launch abduction sweep in Al-Sayida Zeinab Camp
- Syrian regime troops prevent residents of Sbiena Camp from reaching their homes for 1,082 days running

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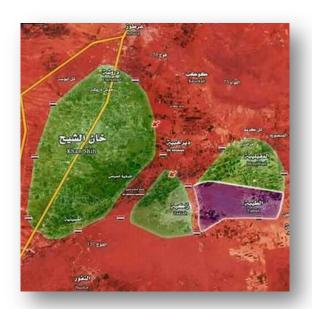
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Latest Developments

The Syrian regime army has tightened military grip on Khan Al-Shih Camp for Palestinian refugees in Damascus outskirts following a round of bloody clashes with opposition outfits deployed in nearby towns.

Alarms have been sounded over the fate of over 12,000 civilians blockaded in the camp, which has run out of basic food items, fuel, and medical kit.

Reporting from Khan Al-Shih, AGPS field correspondent said the refugees expressed deep concern over the fate of their children amid reports on the attempts of the Syrian regime militias to break into the camp and seize it by all means possible.



The Khan Al-Shih refugees stressed that the camp is totally arm-free.

The residents called on the Syrian regime troops to lift the blockade and allow a safe passage into and out of the camp for relief convoys.

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They further urged the UNRWA, the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), the Palestinian Embassy, and the Palestinian political factions to urgently work on lifting the tough siege before it is too late.

In a related development, PLA Lieutenant Redwan Kanawi sustained wounds in violent clashes between the Syrian army and opposition outfits in the environs of Khan Al-Shih Camp. The incident corroborates, for the first time, the involvement of PLA fighters in battles waged by the regime troops around Khan Al-Shih.

A few days earlier PLA delegates, pro-regime Palestinian outfits, the so-called National Defense Commissions, and representatives of Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) convened in Khan Dannun Camp to discuss ways to dispatch military reinforcements to Dierkhabiya Front following the death of several regime soldiers.

Meanwhile, AGPS correspondent in Damascus Suburbs said Shiite militias allied with the Syrian regime, escorted by Syrian security forces, launched a mass abduction sweep in Al-Sayida Zeinab Camp for Palestinian refugees in Damascus outskirts. The campaign culminated in the abduction of at least 15 Palestinian refugees.

AGPS reporter said the captives' names should not be made public for fear of retaliation. The reasons for the abductions remain unknown. Syrian regime troops claimed that the campaign targeted drug users while locals confirmed that the newly captured refugees do not use drags. A refugee with mental disorders was reportedly among the detained batch.

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AGPS reporter said the campaign has not been the only one of its kind as Shiite gangs allied with the Syrian regime have often targeted civilian refugees in the camp using live ammunition at times. The situation has gone from bad to worse after PFLP General Command and Fatah Al-Intifada have taken the regime's side.

In another development, the Syrian regime army and its Palestinian abettors have been blocking the access of the residents of Sbiena Camp into their homes for 1,082 consecutive days. Sbiena residents had been forced out of their homes due to the deadly hostilities between the Syrian army and opposition outfits. The regime troops have grabbed hold of the entire camp.

According to eye-witnesses, 80% of civilian buildings and facilities in the camp have been knocked down, most precisely in the area extending from Muadh Ibn Jabal Mosque to the so-called Kurds Oven area, in the western entrance to the camp. Dire-socio economic conditions have made life unbearable for the homeless refugees.

Palestinians of Syria: October 29, 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.

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- 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 1,229 days in a row. Electricity and water supplies have been cut off, respectively, for 1,290 days and 750 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 1,082 days running.
- Handarat refugee camp: All refugees left the camp since 1,274 days after opposition outfits grabbed hold of the area.
- Deraa refugee camp: Water has been cut off for 932 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.