

## التقرير اليومي الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية

Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria

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"Palestinian Refugee Killed, Others Wounded in Yarmouk

Clashes"



- Palestinian Refugee Mohamed Ata Abu Anza held in Syrian Gov't Jail for 3rd Year
- Hungary Detains Immigrants in Ad Hoc Containers
- Palestinian Artist from Syria Holds Exhibition in Malmo

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## Latest Developments

Violent clashes broke out overnight Wednesday between Filastin AlHurra battalion and pro-government forces in Yarmouk. Another round of clashes between armed militias further rocked the shelter.

Palestinian refugee Fadi Abdul Majid, from Filastin AlHurra, was pronounced dead following the clashes. Others, on both sides, were left wounded.



Meanwhile, conflicting reports have emerged on the probable retreat of Tahrir AlSham Commission from Yarmouk Camp following a deal struck between the Syrian government and the opposition groups. Key to the deal is the evacuation of the government-run AlFou'a and Kafriya, in northern Syria, in exchange for the disarmament of AlZabadani, Madaya, and Yarmouk Camp.

In a statement to Qasion news agency, Tahrir AlSham Commission denied reports on its projected withdrawal from Yarmouk and said it had

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not taken part in any negotiations to evacuate Kafria and AlFou'a, north of Idlib, from civilians and armed militias.

Residents of Yarmouk Camp have been facing dire conditions to the tough blockade enforced by the government forces for 1,377 days running. The situation has gone from bad to worse due to the crackdowns perpetrated by ISIS militias, forcing several residents to flee to nearby towns.

In another development, Palestinian refugee Mohamed Ata Abdul Karim Abu Anzah has been held in Syrian government penitentiaries for the third year running.

Abu Anzah was kidnapped by the government forces on July 20, 2014. His family has frequently appealed for information.



AGPS documented the internment of 1,182 Palestinian refugees in Syrian prisons, including 86 female refugees.

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Meanwhile, asylum seekers entering Hungary, as well as those currently in the country, are to be confined in camps composed of converted shipping containers while their applications are processed.

A few weeks ago, Hungary's parliament approved the systematic detention of all asylum seekers in a move that has drawn criticism from human rights groups and the UN.

In a statement issued on Monday, the interior ministry said the purpose of the restrictions is to "prevent migrants with an unclear status from moving freely around the territory of the country and the European Union, and to thereby reduce the security risk of migration".

A second "smart fence" complete with night cameras, heat and movement sensors, and multilingual megaphones warning against crossing the barrier is also under construction, with completion scheduled by May.



According to the government, shipping container homes have been installed in transit zones built into a fence that Hungary has erected along its southern border with Serbia.

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The UN High Commission for Refugees has warned Hungary that systematic detention will have a terrible physical and psychological impact on women, children and men who have already greatly suffered.

AGPS condemns the new rules for failing to meet Hungary's international obligations vis-à-vis asylum seekers.

Thousands of Palestinian from Syria have embarked on life-threatening journeys to Greece and Macedonia on way to Hungary, before heading to Europe in the hunt for a safer shelter.

In a related development, Palestinian artist from Syria Maamoun AlShayeb launched on Wednesday an arts exhibition in the southern Swedish city of Malmo, in cooperation with the pro-Palestine Left Party of Sweden and Group 194. A number of Swedish and Arab academics and artists, along with Arab community representatives in Sweden, were in attendance.

24 paintings are to be put on display at the exhibition, slated to be wrapped up next Tuesday.

The paintings shed light on the situation of the Palestinians and Syrians in war-torn Syria and the tragic repercussions of the blockade slapped on Yarmouk Camp, along with Palestinians' commitment to their motherland and their inalienable right of return.

Maamoun AlShayeb was born in 1960 in Damascus-based Yarmouk Camp. His parents are natives of Haifa, in Palestine. He graduated from the Faculty of Fine Arts in Damascus in 1984 and worked as a drawing teacher in Palestinian refugee camps in Syria for over 25 years.

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#### Palestinians of Syria: March 30, 2017 Statistics:

- At least 3,473 Palestinians, including 455 women, were killed in war-torn Syria.
- 1,182 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 1,377 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 1,083 and 891 days.
- Residents of Handarat Camp, in Aleppo, denied access to their homes for 1,427 days. Government battalions have been holding sway over the camp for more than 161 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.
- 8,000 Palestinian-Syrian refugees are taking shelter in Turkey.
- 1,000 Palestinian-Syrian refugees are sheltered in the blockaded Gaza Strip.