

## التقرير اليومي الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية

Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria

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# "222 Palestinians Killed While Fighting Alongside PLA in War-Ravaged Syria"



- Shelling, Clashes Rock Yarmouk Camp
- ISIS Tightens Grip on Civilians West of Yarmouk Camp
- 3 Palestinian Brothers Held in Syrian Jails
- 7 Migrants Dead as Boat Capsizes off Turkish Coast

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### Latest Developments

AGPS documented the death of 222 fighters from the Palestine Liberation Army (PLA) as they took part in bloody hostilities in war-torn Syria.

Most of the PLA casualties were pronounced dead in Tel Kurdi, in Rif Dimashq, and in the nearby Tel Sawan and AlSuweida areas, south of Syria.

Sometime earlier, PLA's chief of staff Tareq AlKhadra said his forces have been engaged in pro-government battles in over 15 flashpoints in Syria.



The families of PLA conscripts continue to appeal to all warring actors to keep their sons at bay from the raging hostilities.

In another development, ISIS struck on Saturday Tahrir AlSham-led zones west of Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian Refugees with mortar shells, resulting in heavy material damage. At the same time, fierce clashes flared up between ISIS and Tahrir AlSham battalions.



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Reporting from the area, AGPS news correspondent said ISIS has tightened grip on civilians stranded in areas controlled by Tahrir AlSham west of Yarmouk, preventing them from entering foodstuff and medicines.

Sometime earlier, ISIS allowed civilians to enter no more than a kilogram of foodstuff and a bread loaf.

Meanwhile, sources from Yarmouk Camp told AGPS that negotiations held between the Syrian government and armed groups (Tahrir AlSham and ISIS) to have gunmen from the latter battalions retreat to northern Syria have been frozen.

A number of wounded fighters from Tahrir AlSham retreated to Idlib with their families, following a deal between the Syrian government and the opposition outfits to evacuate AlFoua and Kafria in exchange for the withdrawal of gunmen from AlZabadani, Madaya, and Yarmouk Camp.



Pro-government sources attributed the delay in the withdrawal of Tahrir AlSham and ISIS to the reluctance maintained by all warring parties inside and outside Yarmouk Camp.



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Palestinian groups in Syria said they will follow up on ISIS withdrawal as soon as Syria's concerned parties signal the go-ahead to that very end.

The four-town agreement stipulated that ISIS withdrawal from Yarmouk coincide with the withdrawal of wounded people and their families from Kafria and AlFou'a.

Member of the National Reconciliation Committee in the southern area, Sheikh Mahmoud AlUmari, said talks over the retreat of gunmen from Yarmouk have reached a stalemate.

Quoting the head of the Civil Initiative Committee for National Reconciliation in the southern area, Mazen Sirghani, learned sources said reconciliation in the camp has not reached a deadlock and that the only impediment lies in the decision over the new location of the gunmen.

In the meantime, a new security branch has been established by ISIS in AlTadhamun area, adjacent to Yarmouk Camp.

A couple of weeks earlier, ISIS transferred its so-called Site 3 in AlHajar Aswad to AlJa'ouna neighborhood, in Yarmouk Camp. The transferred site handles cases of those arrested on security grounds.

In another development, three Palestinian brothers have been held in Syrian government lock-ups for the fifth year running. Two brothers turned themselves in following pledges by the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP)—General Command (GC) to work out their case.

The three detainees are identified as: 42-year-old Samir AlBarnawi, detained since September 20, 2012. He was handed over to the Syrian



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government forces by PFLP-GC and works as the commander of an opposition brigade in AlTadhamun area, near Yarmouk Camp; 41-year-old Fadi AlBarnawi, also held in Syrian jails since September 20, 2012, after he was turned in to the government forces by PFLP-GC; The third detainee is Shadi AlBarnawi, kidnapped from Yarmouk Camp in October 2012.



In another development, the Turkish authorities said seven migrants, among whom five children, were found dead after a boat carrying illegal migrants capsized off the Aegean coast.

The bodies of five children and two women were pulled off Izmir seashore in a rescue operation. Nine people, including Iraqis and Somalis and Syrians, were rescued. Another three migrants died after a boat bound for Greece sank off Çeşme coast.

The Turkish authorities quoted migrants onboard the boat as stating that the vessel was carrying 17 people along with the Turkish fugitive organizer.



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

- At least 3,542 Palestinians, including 463 women, were killed in war-torn Syria.
- 1,621 Palestinian refugees, including 102 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 1,465 days in a row.
- 196 Palestinians died of undernourishment and medical neglect in the blockaded Yarmouk Camp.
- Water supplies cut off in Deraa and Yarmouk camps respectively for 1,204 and 1,053 days.
- Residents of Handarat Camp, in Aleppo, denied access to their homes for 1,547 days. Government battalions have been holding sway over the camp for more than 300 days.
- Nearly 85,000 Palestinian refugees from Syria fled to Europe until the end of 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.