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### *"Negligence and Poor Reception Exacerbate the Suffering of the High School Students of the Besieged Camps in Temporary Centers in Damascus"*



- **A Palestinian Refugee from Handarat Camp Dies due to Torture in the Prisons of the Syrian Regime**
- **Difficult Living Conditions Face a Number of Families Stranded at the Turkish Borders**
- **A Solidarity Sit-in in Gaza Demands to Spend the Financial Dues of the Syrian, Libyan, and Yemini Refugees**

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### **Victims**

*The Palestinian young man, Ahmed Khalid Hawash, from Handarat camp in Aleppo, died due to torture in the prisons of the Syrian regime after being detained for more than 3 years. He was arrested at his work place in Mesyaf area.*



*The AGPS has previously documented 444 Palestinian victims who died due to torture in the prisons of the Syrian regime.*

### **Recent Updates**

*Palestinian students, who came out of their besieged camps - Yarmouk south of Damascus and Khan Al Shieh camp in the western suburb of Damascus, to perform the secondary school examinations in Syria, are complaining of negligence and indifference to their interim status of living in the "Alliance" center of the capital Damascus, which is supervised by UNRWA.*

*Activists and a number of students spoke about the lack of water and food in the center, as the students stressed that the center is suffering from filth and not being cleaned on a daily basis. A student described the center as the prison and that it is not suited to the accommodation of human beings. The students demanded to be provided with water and electricity*



*on a daily basis around the clock, and to improve food and cleanliness of the center.*

*Dozens of Palestinian students came out of the Yarmouk and Khan Al Shieh camps to perform the high school exams for 2015- 2016.*

*Despite the ongoing clashes between ISIS and Nusra, the Yarmouk camp students went to Said al-Aas Centre (for females) and Palestine preparatory school (for males) at Al Ameen neighborhood in Damascus to stay in them during the exam period. The high school students at Khan Al Shieh left the camp to the exams' centers in Al Kiswa city and then to the Alliance Center.*

*It should be noted that UNRWA had earlier announced on its website that there is a large percentage of the Palestinian students in Syria have been forced to leave their schools, because of the increasing poverty, unemployment levels, inability to pay for food, and the difficulty in finding alternative housing place. The agency noted that the departure of professional teachers has impacted negatively on the quality of education in schools that follow the national curriculum approved by the Syrian Ministry of Education.*





*Furthermore, a number of Palestinian Syrian families, who are stranded at the Turkish border, are complaining of great suffering. A refugee from Al Aedein camp in Homs described their living conditions as miserable, as they suffer of dire psychological status.*

*Some families reside at the smuggler's house for more than 20 days; in some cases, one house is home to a number of families, as they tried several times to cross but that did not work for the spread of the Turkish army and especially on the Syrian border. Moreover, they are anxious about the process of smuggling to the Turkish territory and the fear of being targeted by members of the Turkish army.*

*One of the stranded refugees at the border, from Al Aedein camp, said that they no longer can return to their camps and compounds due to the checkpoints of the Syrian security along their way back, as well as those checkpoints know that those families and individuals are heading towards Turkish territory, which it considers by those members as a treason.*

*Activists and some individuals confirm that a number of Palestinian refugees and young people were arrested during their return to their homes, knowing that most checkpoints of the Syrian security arrest every Palestinian refugee on its way to the armed opposition controlled areas in northern Syria, with the exception of being bribed by smuggling groups which is coordinating its work in collaboration with members of the Syrian security checkpoints, which in turn secure the roads towards areas outside the control of the Syrian regime.*

*Arrests forced most of the Palestinian families to remain on the border, and bear kinds of torment so that they can access to the Turkish territory.*



*Turkey had made earlier watchtowers described as smart towers, where it monitors any moving object approaching the Turkish-Syrian border; in addition, those towers launch warnings in Turkish, English, and Arabic languages for every moving object approaching 300 meters from the border.*

*The AGPS has documented a number of Palestinian refugees who died by the Turkish fires-Gendarmerie- while trying to cross from the Syrian lands to the Turkish Territories.*

*The joint coordinating body for refugees from Arab countries (Syria - Libya - Yemen) organized a solidarity sit-in in Gaza City with the participation of Palestinian refugees displaced by the wars in Syria, Iraq, and Libya to the Gaza Strip.*

*The organizers demanded the Palestinian Ministry of Finance in Ramallah to spend their dues for August and September 2015, as they demanded to put pressure on the UNRWA in order to spend their dues housing allowance for Palestinian Syrian refugees in Gaza which are owed seven months ago.*



*The head of the body, "Atef Amawi," described the Ministry of Finance in Ramallah regarding this file by following what he described as the status of indifference policy, and he called on the PLO and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas to stand with these families by the holy month of Ramadan. He also demanded to speed up the development of a clear mechanism implements the Cabinet decisions on (05/04/2016) in a session no. (97).*

*For his part, the Managing Director of Haqi Assembly for refugees from Syria, Libya, Yemen, and Iraq, "Mohammed Sheikh," said that this solidarity sit-in expresses the anger of refugees who have not been paid for several months.*

*It is noteworthy that about one thousand Palestinian Syrian refugees are facing very cruel living difficulties after they fled the ongoing war in Syria, as they suffer of dire economic conditions, in addition to the inability to secure housing and jobs due to the catastrophic conditions in the Gaza strip, which resulted of the last Zionist aggression, in addition to the ongoing siege imposed several years ago.*

### ***Palestinians of Syria; Numbers and Statistics till 7\06\2016:***

- *15500 Palestinian Syrian refugees are in Jordan*
- *42.500 Palestinian Syrian refugees are in Lebanon*
- *6000 Palestinian Syrian refugees are in Egypt, according to the UNRWA statistics till July 2015*
- *8000 Palestinian Syrian refugees are in Turkey*



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- *1000 Palestinian Syrian refugees are in Gaza*
- *More than 71.2 thousand Palestinian Syrian refugees have reached Europe till the End of December 2015*
- *The Yarmouk Camp: siege, imposed by the Regular Army and PFGC groups, continued for 1088 consecutive days. Power cut continued for more than 1149 days, water was cut for 638 days respectively. The number of siege victims is 187.*
- *Al Sbeina Camp: - Regular Army is still preventing the residents of the camp to return back to their houses for 942 days respectively.*
- *Handarat Camp: - All Residents have left the camp for about 1133 days after the Syrian Opposition Groups controlled it.*
- *Dara'a Camp: - It is now almost 795 days without water and almost 70% of its buildings were demolished.*
- *Jermana, 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 Sheih road.*