



"Ramadan in the eyes of the Palestinian refugees in Syria"



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Muslims, from east and west, are getting ready to receive a unique season of goodness and obedience; as hearts of hundreds of million Muslims are heading to Allah the Right Almighty.

Ramadan of a Palestinian refugee is not different from the other Muslims, as Ramadan of Palestinians, specially the refugees, has a special flavor and atmosphere that mix with alienation and displacement pain, and the hope of returning back to their homes which they were forced to leave it in 1948.

Ramadan Comes, this year, on the Palestinian refugees in Syria, burdened with worries, troubles, high prices and lack of stability and security, all of this is due to the crisis that plaguing the land of Damascus and caused the killing and displacement of thousands of Syrian and Palestinian families to villages, neighboring towns and near and far Palestinian refugee camps.



Here we have to ask a question that How Palestinian refugee in Syria receives Ramadan?, and what are the difficulties and troubles that the refugee faces because of high prices, poverty and homelessness from his home to his relatives or his people in the Palestinian refugee camps?.

Abu Mostafa, a Palestinian refugee, 80 years old, lives in Dara'a camp, looked up at the sky leaning on his cane remembering Ramadan of his old country.

Abu Mostafa said "fasting Ramadan in Palestine has a different taste; I remember how the whole village were exchanging greetings of Ramadan's coming and how they visited each other after fasting and Taraweeh prayers".

"They are beautiful memories that cannot be erased of my imagination", Abu Mostafa resumed, "but Ramadan this year has a painful flavor, as we forced to leave our homes and all that we have, and left Dara'a camp by force because of the implications of Syrian crises".

Adding that", the history is repeating itself and the Palestinian people are meant to be homeless and doesn't know the meaning of stability and comfort." Abu Mostafa, who lives in one of the shelters in Damascus city with his 12 members' family, wondering for how long does the Palestinian case depends on the political implications of the Arab countries.

When is the time that the refugee will know the taste of Safety and reassurance, until he gets back to his home that he was forced to leave it? Sofian, a Palestinian youth, from the besieged refugees in Yarmouk, south Damascus, said:" we are fasting since more than a year due to the siege imposed on the camp, we suffer of death because of the lack of food and medicine."

Sofian, at the same time, knows very well that Ramadan fasting has a special flavor hoping that it will never end unless the Yarmouk siege is broken and the residence return back to it.



Om Saleem is 72 lady lives in Khan Al Shaieh said.” May God grant release to everyone; our condition is so difficult we are not able to tolerate the life’s obstacles. This war, which is going on in Syria, exhausted everybody. We live the life of dead” Om Saleem returned back in memories to the Old Palestine days and remembers when she was a child and said” I was a child but the custom of Ramadan is still in my mind and now after 66 years on Palestine’s rape by Israel we are calling Allah the Almighty to return back our houses in our homeland Palestine” Samer is a 45 years old Palestinian refugee from the Jauoona village who said” Ramadan is Ramadn in any land but fasting in the land of messengers and prophets Palestine has a different taste that we look to return back to our home land Palestine”.

Feelings are mixed with Mr. Yousif who was born in 1932 from Ghwyer Abu Shosha. Hajj Yousif said about the coming of Ramadan” The feelings are mixed between joy and pleasure for the coming of Ramadan the Month of love, tolerance and blessings but at the same time Ramadan has sadness in my heart because it reminds me of my homeland Palestine and how I left and didn’t come back till now. This feeling makes my heart in a serious pain and sorrow”.

On the role of the civil committees, organizations and institutions in helping the affected Palestinian refugees who are in deep need due to the circumstances that follow the crises in Syria, such as un employment, rise prices and the greedy merchants. Those merchants all what they seek is to gain more profits and wealth even if it will be on behalf of others souls.

One of the relief activists said that the recent conditions in Syria have reflected negatively on Syrians and Palestinians refugees, so the Civil Community organizations and charity assemblies have an important role in relieving the affected people who fled of this crises.

Adding that, they have done their best to help Stricken and affected families in Syrian cities and Palestinian camps, who are now residing in Yarmouk camp and its vicinity.

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The speech about Ramadan has tributaries inexhaustible for forgiveness and temperance and serenity, charity and health, the month of goodness, blessing and tranquility comes after four years of bloody conflict in Syria.

The Palestinian refugee in those holy days still emphasizing his neutrality and hope that their situation will improve and the crisis in Syria will recede, and they have a hope that next Ramadan they will pray in Al-Aqsa Mosque on the land of Palestine and they are closer to return than ever.