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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"The Action Group: More than 150 thousand Palestinian refugees have fled Syria"

- A member of "Fath Al-Intefada" dies in Harasta, in the suburbs of Damascus
- The formation of a Palestinian military council announced, in south Damascus
- 2017 sum-up: Deraa camp destroyed, bombarded, displaced and in dire humanitarian conditions

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Victims

The Palestinian man “Mohamed Hussien Mohsen Abu-Walid,” a member of the Fath Al-Intefada Movement, one of the factions affiliated to the Syrian regime, has died while fighting alongside the Syrian regime forces in the ongoing clashes in Harasta, in the suburbs of Damascus.



Fath Movement stated that Mohsen is the military official of the first camps' area in the Movement. He died on 01-01-2018 night.

AGPS confirmed that it has documented the data of 959 Palestinian refugees who have died due to gunshots, most of which were fighting alongside the Syrian regime forces.

Latest Developments

The Palestinian refugees in Syria have been subjected to a systematic displacement campaign, amid the ongoing conflict in Syria, between the armed opposition and the Syrian regime, for the sixth year.

The studies' department in the Action Group indicated that more than 150 thousand Palestinian refugees have fled outside of Syria, out of 650 thousand, while 430 thousand inside it are in need of total help.



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The studies' department also confirmed that 85 thousand Palestinian-Syrian refugees reached Europe until the end of 2016, while the number of Palestinian refugees in Lebanon is estimated at 31 thousand, 17 thousand are in Jordan, 6 thousand in Egypt, 8 thousand in Turkey and one thousand Palestinian-Syrians in Gaza.

Thousands of Palestinian refugees are waiting for a suitable opportunity to reach Europe, in escape of the ongoing war in Syria and to end their suffering of displacement in the neighboring countries to Syria. The Action Group has documented the death of 50 Palestinian-Syrian refugees, after drowning while trying to reach the European countries.



In another context, Palestinian military men from Yarmouk camp have announced the formation of a military council in south Damascus. In the statement released in south Damascus, it was stated that the council will include of all the loyal residents of the camp.

The military council called on residents of the camp to stand together to clear Yarmouk camp of ISIS and work towards sending



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the camp's residents back to their houses, from which they were displaced.

The statement said the new military council is coordinating fully with civil and relief institutions that serve the camp's residents, with note that they are under its protection.

The statement added that the formation of the council came after years of displacements and suffering of the residents of Yarmouk camp.

The Syrian regime army and the Palestinian faction affiliated to it, have been imposing a strict siege on Yarmouk camp for 1629 days, leading to a significant deterioration of the humanitarian conditions inside the camp. ISIS has also been in control of the camp since the beginning of April 2015. The oppositions' closure of the Yarmouk-Yelda barrier has aggravated the suffering of hundreds of civilians, which were already suffering from the consequences of the siege and ISIS' terrorism.

During 2017, Deraa camp for Palestinian refugees has been subjected to continuous artillery and aerial bombardments, performed by the military aircrafts of the Syrian regime forces since the start of the fierce campaign targeting the neighborhoods under the control of the armed Syrian opposition in Deraa city.

The regime forces targeted the camp and its surrounding areas with all types of lethal and internationally prohibited weapons such as; napalm, cluster bombs and explosive barrels, resulting in great destruction to the buildings which has 80% of the houses and



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people's private properties. In addition, 375 Palestinian refugees living in Deraa city have died since the beginning of the conflict in Syria. A number of international facilities in the camp, belonging to UNRWA have been destroyed. Most of the camp's residents have fled it, due to the continued targeting of it.

The Free Deraa Governorate Council issued a press release on 13th of August 2017, in which it announced that Deraa city is a disaster area. According to the statement, the cities of Al-Yadudah - Al-Naimah - Om El-miathin - Deraa - Sad Road neighborhood and Deraa camp) are disaster areas, due to the systematic and intensive bombardments by the regime's forces and its affiliated militias, on these towns. As a result, the infrastructure of Deraa and its neighborhoods has been destroyed, and its field hospitals have gone out of service.



UNRWA said that the escalation of violence in the governorate of Daraa, south of the Syrian capital Damascus, between the sides of conflict in the region, is causing the Palestine refugees to flee the area and obstructing the humanitarian access to critical aid, as well



as leading to deaths among the Palestinian refugees during the year 2017.

The remaining residents of Deraa camp have called on the relief institutions, the parties of conflict, UNRWA and the Palestine Liberation Organization, to intervene in order to secure a safe shelter for them, amid the violent bombardments with explosive barrels, rockets and mortar shells that are targeting the camp and its neighboring areas.

The camp's residents demanded the opening of safe corridors for women, children and the elderly, and the working towards allowing the exit of the wounded and the chronic disease cases as soon as possible.

The residents also called on the PLO and the Palestinian factions to work towards relieving the suffering of the people in the camp, since they are complaining of the water and electricity cuts, the lack of food sources and its high prices, as well as the extreme shortage of medical services.

The residents are still suffering of the total water cuts across the camp, since April 2014, forcing them to use artesian wells to try to secure some water for their children. Despite the pollutants it may contain and the long distances they walk in order to fetch drinking water, putting their lives in danger because of the widespread of snipers on the buildings overlooking the camp, this is the only option they have.



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Palestinians of Syria: January 01, 2018 Statistics:

- The total number of victims documented by the Action Group is 3631, including 463 women
- 1644 Palestinians are locked up behind Syrian government's bars, 106 of which are women
- Yarmouk refugee camp is under the Syrian regime army and Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine's siege for 1,629 days in a row
- 204 refugees, mainly in Yarmouk Camp, have died due to lack of medical care and malnutrition
- Water supplies have been cut off Deraa Camp for 1366 days, and 1206 days in Yarmouk Camp
- The Regime army has been in control of Handarat camp for more than 465 days. More than 80% of its buildings have been completely or partially destroyed.
- Approximately 85 thousand Palestinian-Syrian refugees fled to Europe by the end of 2016
- 31 thousand refugees are located in Lebanon
- 17 thousand refugees are sheltered in Jordan
- 6 thousand refugees are in Egypt
- 8 thousand refugees are staying in Turkey
- One thousand refugees are present in Gaza