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- ISIS detains a number of civilians in Yarmouk camp
- The suffering of those displaced from Khan Al-Sheih to Idlib aggravates and becomes increasingly difficult
- Palestinians in Syria Relief and Development Association launches its "Saqaya Al-Khair" campaign in south Syria

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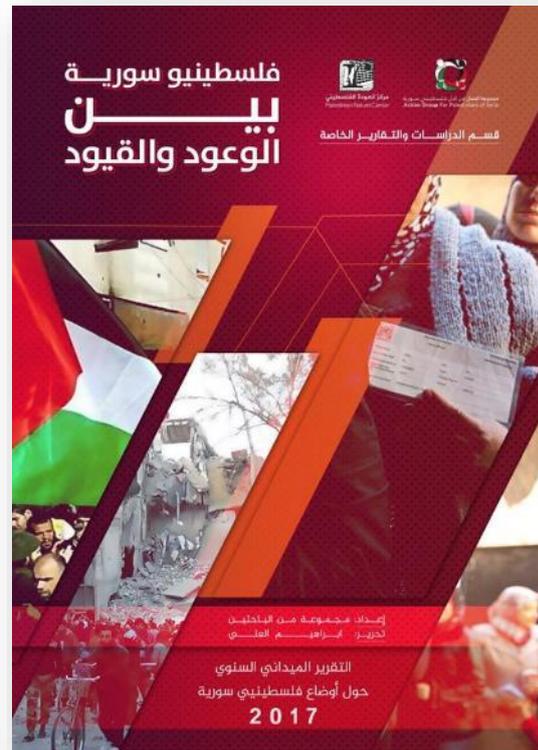
Latest Developments

Under the title 'Palestinian-Syrians... Between Promises and Restrictions,' the Action Group For Palestinians of Syria and the Palestine Return Center in London, issued their annual documentary report, which observes the general situation of the Palestinians in Syria, during 2017.

The report deals with specific details which the camps and Palestinian gatherings in Syria witnessed, according to a methodology that portrayed the living, field, humanitarian and health conditions of the Palestinians in Syria, in addition to the most prominent daily events that the areas and people are subjected to, such as bombardments, destruction and arrests.

The report also addresses the general situation of the Palestinian refugees displaced outside Syria, either to the neighboring countries or in the countries that they fled to or got stranded in while trying to reach Europe.

The report devoted a special focus on the Palestinian victims and detainees, which includes AGPS's statistics on the numbers of victims and detainees.





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According to the 143-page report, AGPS recorded the death of 205 Palestinians during 2017, of which 12 died due to torture in the Syrian regime's prisons out of a total of 1644 detainees. The number of victims of torture and forced disappearance throughout the Syrian crisis has risen to 475 victims. The report also indicates that 28 Palestinian refugees have been detained, while 25 refugees have been released, over different periods of time.

As a human rights media institution which follows up on the Palestinian-Syrian affairs, AGPS documents the violations and events that affected the Palestinian-Syrian refugees, through the monitoring and follow-up procedures carried out by a network of field reporters, as well as a group of researchers and those interested in the Palestinian issue, to write an important stage of the Palestinian asylum, and to prepare the necessary documents to defend the rights of the refugees, in local, regional and international forums.

This report, which monitors the most important events of the year 2017, follows six previous reports which documented the years 2014/2015/2016, in addition to a "Status Report" and a number of special reports on specific issues, related to the Palestinian-Syrian issue.

To download the electronic version of the report:

http://actionpal.org.uk/ar/reports/special/between_promises_and_restrictions_ar.pdf



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In the meantime, AGPS's correspondent in Yarmouk camp reported that ISIS arrested a number of civilians yesterday, living in the areas controlled by 'Hayat Tahrir Al-Sham,' after allowing 10 people to leave the camp for treatment and to buy their necessities.

Local sources in the camp confirmed that the reasons for the arrests have not been clarified, however it suggested that they are accused of cooperating with 'Hayat Tahrir Al-Sham.' ISIS had carried out a series of arrests a few days ago, of dozens of civilians that is accused of cooperating with 'Hayat Tahrir Al-Sham,' and of violating the laws imposed by ISIS in south Damascus.

The residents of Yarmouk camp are complaining from the violations and suppressive acts performed by ISIS towards them. They are also suffering of the continuous siege imposed by the Syrian regime on the camp and the catastrophic humanitarian conditions that almost three thousand Palestinians in Yarmouk camp are witnessing, in addition to more than 10 thousand displaced Palestinians from Yarmouk camp, to the areas of Yelda, Babilla and Beit Sahm.

Meanwhile, despite the numerous and continuous calls and appeals made by the Palestinian families displaced from Khan Al-Sheih camp to Idlib city, their living conditions remain deteriorating, especially amid UNRWA and the Palestinian international and official organizations' failure to respond to their suffering.

Hundreds of Palestinian families are finding great difficulty in securing housing and basic life requirements such as food and services, in addition to a great deterioration in the security situation



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resulting from the tension between the Syrian opposition factions in the city and the Syrian regime's attempts to progress.

AGPS had received a number of appeals from these families, calling on UNRWA to carry out its duties towards them, and that the Agency responsible of the Palestinian refugees in Syria should make its efforts towards the hundreds of women and children who are suffering from the poor humanitarian situation in the city.

The displaced families confirmed that they could not receive any of UNRWA's relief or financial assistance, because of UNRWA's absence from Idlib.

The families called on UNRWA and the international and official Palestinian institutions to work towards finding a solution to these problems and work to acknowledge its dereliction towards them.

Almost 2500 Palestinian refugees were forcibly displaced from Khan Al-Sheih camp for Palestinian refugees in the suburbs of Damascus, to Idlib in north Syria, since Monday 28th of November 2016, after the signing of the reconciliation agreement between the Syrian regime and the opposition in Khan Al-Sheih and its surrounding areas.

Local Work Committees

In coordination with the Kheir Umma Charity, the Palestinians in Syria Relief and Development Association launched its "Saqaya Al-Khair" campaign with the aim of delivering and distributing safe drinking water to the homes of civilians and displaced people in the



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town of Muzayrib, in the suburbs of Deraa, and its camp. This comes in order to alleviate their suffering caused by the drought of Al-Muzayrib Lake that fed the region with water, and to avoid the exploitation of the owners of the artesian wells, who control the prices and wages of water filling.



The Muzayrib region is home to almost 1700 Palestinian families, who are continuously subjected to bombardments by the Syrian regime forces, in conjunction with the intensified pace of military operations between the Syrian regime forces and the armed opposition factions, and the indiscriminate bombardments carried out by the Syrian regime, targeting civilians.

Palestinians of Syria: February 01, 2018 Statistics:

- The total number of victims documented by the Action Group is 3642, including 463 women
- 1656 Palestinians are locked up behind Syrian government's bars, 106 of which are women



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- Yarmouk refugee camp is under the Syrian regime army and Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine's siege for 1,659 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 1395 days, and 1235 days in Yarmouk Camp
- The Regime army has been in control of Handarat camp for more than 493 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