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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"32 Palestinian-Syrians died during May 2018, while 16 refugees died during the same month last year"

- A Palestinian die of a heart attack after seeing his demolished house in Yarmouk camp
- Under the pretext of the presence of explosives, Palestine Street "defamed" silently and its inhabitants are prevented from inspecting their homes
- The continued removal of rubble from the streets of Sabinah camp and its inhabitants complain about the lack of relief assistance
- Lebanon asks the UN for a plan for the return of the displaced Syrians to safe areas
- Distribution of Iftar meals to 125 Palestinian-Syrian families in Ain Al-Hilwah camp
- The number of victims of an immigration boat which sank off the coast of Tunisia has increased to 60

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Victims

Palestinian refugee “Osama El-Sheikh Khalil,” has died of a heart attack following his return to Yarmouk camp and after seeing the damage and destruction that happened to the camp and his house. Khalil is the third Palestinian refugee to die of a heart attack, after “Mohanad Sekhneny” and “Amer Aqr,” who died following their displacement from the south of Damascus to the Deir Balout camp, located near to Jindires in Afrin, north of Syria.



The number of refugees from Yarmouk camp who died since the beginning of the war in Syria and until this moment, has reached 1391 victims.

Latest Developments

The Action Group’s Monitoring and Documentation Team announced that it documented the death of 32 Palestinian refugees during May 2018, while 16 refugees died in the same month last year, as a result of the ongoing war in Syria.

The Action Group indicated that the Palestinian refugees who died in May 2018, were distributed across the Syrian cities as follows: 30 refugees died in Damascus, one person died in Idlib and one victim was from Deraa.

While the Action Group confirmed that the 16 refugees that were killed in May 2017, were distributed across Syria as follows: 6



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refugees died in the suburbs of Damascus, two refugees died in Deraa, two others died in Deir ez-Zour, two refugees were from Hama, a refugee died in Damascus, two refugees died in unknown places and one refugee died in the city of Raqqa.



Meanwhile, several sources told the Action Group that members of the Syrian regime prevented some Palestinian families living in the Palestine Street area and Jalal Kawash Street, near the Yarmouk municipality, from visiting and inspecting their homes on the pretext of the presence of explosives in the area.

According to one of the residents, he had visited his house twice before without coming across any explosives, noting that the members of the regime referred to that excuse in order to steal the civilian houses silently without a sound, especially after a refugee found that his house had become the headquarters of the collected stolen items, which are later taken out of the camp to be sold in the markets of Damascus.

Meanwhile members of the Syrian regime continue to steal and loot the houses of civilians in Yarmouk camp and the neighboring areas, which was controlled by the regime since May 21, in a phenomenon which has become known as “defamation.”



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In Sabinah, the municipality of Quneitra, in coordination with the governorate of Damascus, completed the process of removing the rubble from Al-Basel Street in Al-Sabaina camp yesterday. The work will continue to remove the remains of rubble and debris in the alleys and lanes of the camp later on.

On their part, a number of residents of the Sabinah camp demanded the municipality and the governorate of Damascus to remove the rubble from their areas of residence, pointing out that since they returned to their camp, the rubble has not been removed, making it a dumping ground for waste and dirt that is threatening their health.

In the meantime, the residents of Al-Sabinah camp complained about the scarcity of relief assistance provided to them by the relief associations and institutions and UNRWA, accusing UNRWA of negligence and failure to provide them with the services they give to other Palestinian camps, as well as the lack of basic services and infrastructure services.

In 2013, Sabinah camp witnessed violent clashes and was subjected to heavy bombardments by the Syrian regime forces, which led to the damage of over 80% of its buildings totally and partially, before the regime took control of it on 17-11-2013. A few of its residents were allowed to return to it on 30th of August 2017.

For its part, media sources quoted the Lebanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, that it handed over a message to the representative of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Lebanon, Miray Jirar, based on the request of the Minister "Jobran Basseel," which stated Lebanon's request to UNHCR "to



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change its approach to the entire issue of Syrian displacement in Lebanon, starting from the improvement of the situation of many areas inside Syria, which would allow a safe and dignitious return of the displaced, which places the Commission on the task of assisting the Lebanese government to facilitate this return, based on the validity of its mandate.”

"The work of the Commission is limited to the humanitarian sector," Jirar indicated. She reviewed “the aspects of negotiations with the Syrian side to ensure that they are provided with suitable humanitarian conditions, when the conditions for their return are in accordance with UNHCR's vision.”

Meanwhile, the Saraa Foundation, in coordination with the Committee for Displaced Suffering, distributed Iftar meals to more than 125 displaced Palestinian families from Syria to Ain Al-Hilwah camp in south Lebanon. According to the organizers, the distribution of the meals occurred in two stages.



According to the statistics of the relief institutions, approximately 750 Palestinian-Syrian families live in Ain Al-Hilwah camp and are suffering from miserable security, living conditions, due to poverty,



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the spread of unemployment among them and the lack of a stable financial income.

In another context, the United Nations International Organization for Migration (IOM) confirmed last night, that the number of victims of a ship packed with migrants which sunk off the coast of Tunisia in the weekend, rose to 60 victims, in one of the worst migration accidents in years.

The Tunisian authorities said the ship sank off the coast of Kerkennah on Saturday night, and added that the migrants were from Tunisia and other countries.