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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"166 Palestinian Refugees from Syria Pronounced Dead during 1st Half of 2018"

- Displaced Families Rally in Deir Ballout Camp North of Syria
- Kuwait Contributes US\$ 5 Million to Support Palestine Refugees from Syria
- U.A.E Green-Lights Visitor Visa for Syrians, Palestinians from Syria

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Latest Developments

In its newly-released 16th statistical report documenting the number of Palestinian detainees in war-stricken Syria since March 2011 until June 2018, AGPS kept record of the death of 166 Palestinian refugees from Syria during the first half of 2018, among them 101 civilians and 65 gunmen.

The list also includes 15 female refugees, 151 males, and 12 children.

The second quarter of 2018 saw an increase in the death toll, with 109 victims in April, May, and June, up from 57 in the first quarter.

118 refugees, among 166 pronounced dead during the first half of 2018 in the raging warfare, died in Damascus and its suburbs due to bloody hostilities waged by the Syrian government to recapture southern Syria.



36 Palestinians died in unidentified locations while a resident of Yarmouk was shot dead during a quarrel in Burj Barajneh in Beirut.

As for the leading causes of death, 66 refugees died as a result of bloody confrontations and fatal shootouts during the first half of 2018; 50 died under shelling, and 26 were tortured to death.



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At the same time, three Palestinians died as a result of the blockade imposed on Yarmouk Camp and two refugees were killed in blasts. Extra-judicial executions took away the lives of nine Palestinians. Two more refugees were gunned down by sniper bullets and another was assassinated. Seven other Palestinians died in unknown locations.

Meanwhile, dozens of families who were forcibly deported from southern Damascus and Yarmouk Camp to northern Syria maintained vigil on Monday, August 6, in Deir Balout Camp, protesting their dire living conditions.

The displaced families appealed to the concerned human rights institutions, among them UNRWA and the Palestine Liberation Organization, to take urgent action so as to secure access to education and health care, among other vital services.



Hundreds of displaced families seeking shelter north of Syria have been grappling with an abject situation due to the absence of relief aid and lack of access to basic facilities.

The displaced families have been taking cover in poorly-equipped tents. With no properly arranged places to stay in, they must find a



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way to ensure shelter, food and drinking water in the intense, grueling heat wrought by the summer season.

In another development, UNRWA announced that it received a contribution of US\$ 5 million from the State of Kuwait in support of Palestinian refugees and UNRWA operations in Syria.

The contribution will help UNRWA provide crucial services for Palestine refugees who have endured conflict, displacement and suffering for far too long.



The move came following a fundraising appeal launched by UNRWA at the donor's conference held in New York on Monday, June 25, 2018, so as to make up for a deficit of up to US\$ 250 million. Donor countries pledged to shell out US\$ 375.

UNRWA is confronted with an increased demand for services resulting from a growth in the number of registered Palestine refugees, the extent of their vulnerability and their deepening poverty.

UNRWA is funded almost entirely by voluntary contributions and financial support has been outpaced by the growth in needs. As a



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result, the UNRWA budget, which supports the delivery of core essential services, has been operating with a large shortfall.

In the meantime, a travel agency based in Ajman said visitor visas will be granted to Syrians and Palestinians from Syria so as to allow entry to the U.A.E. Entry visas are to be issued in no more than four days.

According to the same source, visas for women and girls will be unconditional. Only males aged above 45 or less than 11 years old will benefit from the move.

A one-month visa reportedly costs up to 4,000 Emirati dirhams (half a million Syrian pounds); a three-month visa is worth 5,500 Emirati dirhams (over 650,000 Syrian pounds). Palestinians of Syria are required to pay an additional 1,500 Emirati dirhams to receive a three-month visa.