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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"Zayzoun gathering in the suburbs of Deraa witnesses a humanitarian tragedy for the refugees"

- Babilla-Sidi Makdad checkpoint in south Damascus closed for the seventh consecutive day
- Syrian security arrests Palestinian "Majd Aly Ajaj," one of Khan Al-Sheih camp's residents
- Relief aid distributed to a number of Palestinian-Syrian families in the Lebanese city of Tyre

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Latest Developments

The refugee camps in the Zayzoun gathering have turned into swamps, due to the heavy rain with the approach of winter. The photographs and videos published by activists and refugees from the gathering, show shocking scenes of the tragic conditions that the refugees are living in, where their camps are worn and damaged, despite being their only shelter after their displacement.

Our reporter quoted a resident of the camp, “Mahmoud Abu Qassem,” that the heavy rains which fell on the camp in the recent past, led the majority of the camp’s population to be displaced, as a result of the destruction and drifting of the tents.



He added that most of the camp’s land are muddy and not suitable for the residents, however he was forced to stay there amid the absence of an alternative residence. Our correspondent described the state of the refugees in the camp as a humanitarian tragedy, where the basic needs for life are absent amid the total obscurity of support from the relief and humanitarian organizations.

Our correspondent noted that there are no preparations to help the displaced to cope with the winter, adding that the refugees are



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prevented from humanitarian help, with the poor relief work serving the region.

Approximately 115 Palestinian-Syrian families are living in the Zayzoun gathering, which lacks the least necessities for a dignitious life. The families were displaced from their houses because of the continuous bombardments on their houses by the Syrian regime, in addition to ISIS's control over some neighborhoods in the city, as in the Jileen gathering.

According to our reporter in Deraa, most of the families that were displaced to the Zayzoun gathering are Palestinian families which were displaced from the neighborhoods of Deraa city and its camp, and the Jileen gathering.

The residents called out to UNRWA and all the Palestinian and International bodies concerned with the Palestinian refugee in Syria, to urgently exert their efforts towards the suffering of the families in the gathering, stressing on the necessity of UNRWA to perform its duties towards them, as an international organization responsible for Palestinian refugees.

In the meantime, the Syrian regime forces continue to close the Babilla-Sidi Makdad checkpoint, for the seventh consecutive day, as well as banning civilians from entering the towns of Yelda, Babilla and Beit Sahn, and leaving to Damascus.

Most of the main supplies completely disappeared from the markets, and only weed was back in the markets. According to our correspondent, bread, sugar and flour also disappeared from the



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towns of Yelda, Babilla and Beit Sahm in south Damascus, as well as the rise in the price of fuel.



Thousands of Palestinian refugees were displaced from Yarmouk camp to the towns of south Damascus, after ISIS took control over the besieged camp, and are living in harsh conditions as winter approaches and their need for fuel and firewood.

The Action Group's correspondent in the suburbs of Damascus, reported the arrest of the Palestinian refugee "Majd Aly Ajaj," born in 1996 and resident of the Khan Al-Sheih refugee camp, at the security checkpoint in Damascus, a few days ago. The security members took him to an unknown place.

These arrests are not the first. The Syrian security have arrested many residents from the camp, following the Reconciliation Agreement. This comes in breach of the agreement concluded between it and the armed Syrian opposition groups in Khan Al-Sheih. The Syrian security services continue to detain 232 Palestinian refugees from Khan Al-Sheih camp, according to the Action Group's statistics.



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Local Work Committees:

The European Al-Wafaa campaign has distributed relief aid to a number of Palestinian-Syrian families displaced to the city of Tyre in south Lebanon. According to one of the members of the campaign, the visit included the refugee gatherings in the Lebanese city of Tyre, (Al-Qasmeya gathering, Shabreha gathering and the Jil Al-Bahr gathering). He added that a delegation from the Wafaa campaign carried out field visits to a number of houses and ill patients, providing the most desperate cases with aid, according to him.



These distributions came as part of the “Together for a Warm Winter 7” campaign, which was launched by the European Al-Wafaa campaign, in coordination with Arab and European organizations in the beginning of 2018, which target the refugee camps and gatherings in Lebanon, Jordan, Turkey and Palestine.



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Palestinians of Syria: January 08, 2018 Statistics:

- The total number of victims documented by the Action Group is 3633, 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 1,636 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 1373 days, and 1213 days in Yarmouk Camp
- The Regime army has been in control of Handarat camp for more than 471 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