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"AGPS Subjected to Cyber Warfare"

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AGPS

Some seven days ago, two cyber-attacks were launched against AGPS' official website in an attempt to hack into the group's content and block readers' access to fact-based material. The attacks were detected on Thursday, August 9, and Saturday, August 5.

The attack has been identified by AGPS IT team as a Denial-of-Service (DoS) attack. The latter is meant to shut down a machine or network, making it inaccessible to its intended users. DoS attacks accomplish this by flooding the target with traffic, or sending it information that triggers a crash. In both instances, the DoS attack deprives legitimate users (i.e. employees, members, or account holders) of the service or resource they expected.

AGPS embarked on a defensive response to the attacks, which it said did not result in severe damage in the group's operative servers.



AGPS Executive Director, Ahmad Husain, said the assault makes part of underway attempts to hinder access to truth and quash factual data on the situation of Palestinian refugees.



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AGPS is a London-based human rights watchdog that monitors the situation of Palestinian refugees in war-torn Syria. It saw the day in October 2012.

AGPS material is purely fact-based and rooted in real data compiled by a team of professional journalists, on-the-spot reporters, news correspondents, veterans, and local activists.

Speaking the truth, propagating the truth, and documenting the truth are, therefore, the key guiding lines for AGPS mission. In seeking to fulfill this goal, AGPS team does its best to uphold the finest standards of historiographic ethics and maintain honesty in sourcing.

To that very end, live snapshots, footages, and sworn affidavits are taken directly from the fighting scene across a myriad of flashpoints so as to authenticate AGPS role as a human rights overseer.

Latest Developments

Engineer Ali Halabawi, in charge of the Damascus file, said the reconstruction of infrastructure in Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian refugees is expected to kick off in the next few days.





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Pro-government sources quoted Halbawi as stating that local authorities have started to clear debris in Damascus in cooperation with public institutions. Explosion of war remnants have made debris clearance a risky process, the official added.

Sometime earlier, secretary of the Palestinian Resistance Factions in Syria said Syrian officials told Palestinian leaders in Damascus that Yarmouk Camp will not undergo a comprehensive rehabilitation process and that the concerned Syrian authorities pledged to reopen roads and clear debris in three months, in cooperation with UNRWA, civil society institutions, Palestinian factions, and the General Authority for Arab Palestine Refugees in Syria.

Meanwhile, Palestinian refugee from Syria Hassan Fantaziya, who fled to Lebanon, appealed to the concerned institutions to rally around his 17-year-old daughter, Rama, diagnosed with lymphatic filariasis, also known as elephantiasis. It is a human disease caused by parasitic worms known as filarial worms. Elephantiasis is marked by severe swelling in the arms, legs, breasts, or genitals. The skin may become thicker as well, and the condition may become painful. The changes to the body have the potential to harm the person's social and economic situation. The worms are spread by the bites of infected mosquitoes.

Activists quoted the father as stating that a surgery to remove the parasitic worms costs up to \$10,000 and follow-up therapy is worth \$5,000, a sum that far outlives the father's capacity to shell it out.



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Sheltered in Burj AlBarajnah refugee camp, in Beirut, the father slammed the UNRWA and the human rights institutions for turning their back on his family's appeals for help.

In the meantime, a so-called "AMAKEN" initiative was launched by Ettijahat Organization for Independent Culture. The new project seeks to support Syrian and Syrian-Palestinian artists, researchers, and cultural directors in the creative process by providing opportunities to work in equipped spaces so as to produce diverse cultural projects through the mediums of theatre, cultural research, and graphic design.

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AMAKEN

The initiative, undertaken in partnership with Shams, Studio Koon, and Fabrika, will take place in Lebanon over a one-year period.

AMAKEN aims to provide opportunities for networking between Syrian artists and their peers by facilitating their presence in creative platforms, collaborating in artistic production, and sharing their work with a diverse audience.

Ettijahat- Independent Culture is a Syrian cultural organization founded in the end of 2011. Ettijahat seeks to activate the role of



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independent culture in the process of cultural, political, and social change. Ettijahat tries to achieve that end by supporting artists and undertakers of cultural initiatives, enabling young researchers, working to build consensus and alliances between individuals and cultural institutions, promoting artistic production across a myriad of regional and international platforms, and helping Syrian communities have access to culture and arts wherever they area on earth.

In another development, the Turkish coast guard team announced that it rescued 26 migrants, among them women and children, who were attempting to reach Greece.

Anadolu agency quoted security sources as stating that coast guards in Bodrum district, in Mugla province, in southwestern Turkey received a call to rescue a boat carrying migrants.

Coast guard teams rushed to the area and rescued 26 Syrians and Palestinians onboard the vessel.

According to AGPS data, 50 Palestinian refugees from Syria drowned at sea on way to European destinations.