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"Palestinians in the town of Az Zababeyah in the suburbs of Damascus live in difficult conditions because of the security grip and demographic change"

- 89 Palestinians were subjected to summary executions since the beginning of the Syrian war
- Syrian security continues to detain the Palestinian refugee "Odai Al-Holw" for the fourth year
- In-kind assistance distributed to the families in desperate need in Jaramana and Khan Danon refugee camps
- "Palestine Hope" team end their preparations to participate in the "Roboogie 2" competition in Beirut

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Latest Developments

The Palestinians in the town of Az Zababeyah in the suburbs of Damascus are living in tough conditions, because of the security grip and demographic change. The Action Group revealed in its latest annual report for the year 2017, which was published in February 2018 under the title, “Palestinians of Syria... Between Promises and Restrictions,” that the Syrian regime allowed hundreds of people from the town of Az Zababeyah, to return to their homes and properties during 2017, however the residents have lived with constant fear because of the security grip imposed by the Syrian regime on the area and the demographic change which has occurred.

Palestinian refugees confirmed on the 17th of February 2017, that after the displaced Palestinian and Syrian people returned to their homes in the town of Az Zababeyah in the suburbs of Damascus, they were surprised to find that families belonging to the Syrian regime had taken over their homes, pointing out that the families are from the Shiite community.





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The 146-page report indicated that the Palestinian refugees accused the Syrian regime and its affiliated sectarian groups in the suburbs of Damascus, of bringing families loyal to it and the families of its fighters and housing them in the homes belonging to the Palestinian and Syrian refugees. The refugees expressed their anger at the regime's use of their period of displacement, which lasted about four years, and the storming of their homes.

The refugees said: “The families that took over our houses refused to leave them and would only reply that the regime is the decision-maker and responsible of the case.” A few of those who returned to the area were able to enter their homes and forcibly share them with the families affiliated to the regime.

The Syrian regime had opened the road for the families to return to the town of Az Zababeyah, which is home to dozens of Palestinian families, on the 6th of February 2017, after it took control over it in late-2013, and the bombardment and burning down of the area. Since then, the regime has not opened the road for the people to return once again, under the pretext of reconstruction and the restoration of the infrastructure.

According to the report, the Action Group has documented the death of 9 Palestinian refugees in the town of Az Zababeyah since the beginning of the war in Syria, as a result of the bombardments, clashes and summary executions.

Az Zababeyah is the closest town to the shrine and town of Al-Sayeda Zeinab, with only a 5 km distance between them. The town is home to 20 thousand people and is known for its green nature,



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surrounded by a wide area of orchards and farms. Adjacent to it are a number of towns including Hossaineyya, Khirbat Ward, Khirbat Al-Shiyab, Al-Bowayda, Sabinah and Beit Sahm.

You can download the electronic version of the report on this link:

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

In the meantime, the Action Group announced that 89 Palestinian refugees were executed since the beginning of the ongoing conflict in Syria and until the 15th of March 2017.

AGPS's Monitoring and Documentation Team clarified that among the executed, 17 were soldiers from the ranks of the Palestinian Liberation Army. They were kidnapped in mid-2012, on their way back from their military sites in Masyaf, to Neirab camp in Aleppo, one month before their execution.

The Action Group confirmed that the victims who were executed were distributed across the Palestinian camps and Syrian cities as follows: 19 in Deraa camp, 18 in Aleppo, 19 refugees in Yarmouk camp, 7 in Al-Tadamon neighborhood in the suburbs of Damascus, 5 refugees in the Hossaineyya camp, 2 refugees in Sayeda Zeinab, one person in Al-Aedin camp in Hama and a refugees in Khan Al-Sheih camp.

In another context, the Syrian security systems continue to detain 17-year-old, Palestinian refugee, "Odai Sabry Al-Holw" since 06-06-2014 to this date. He was arrested from his workplace in the Zahera neighborhood and their have been mixed reports about his



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fate. After his parents received his death certificate, reports indicated that he is still alive.

AGPS receives a number of messages and information about the detained Palestinians. They are then documented despite the difficulty of recording information because the Syrian regime continues to hide the fate, names and locations of the detainees. The Group has recorded the detention of 1672 Palestinian refugees in the Syrian regime prisons, including more than 106 women.



Local Work Committees

The Charitable Association for Palestinian Relief, coordinated with the General Authority for Palestinian Arab Refugees, to continue its work on the Syria Winter Campaign 2018, in which it distributed electric heaters to the families in desperate need and those enrolled in its social welfare program, from Jarmana and Khan Danon refugee camps.

The working team also distributed electric heaters to the families in desperate need, on Wednesday 14th of March, within the areas of Tall and Qodseya.



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The Charitable Association for Palestinian Relief had launched the Syria Winter Campaign in the beginning of 2018, with the aim of alleviating the economic burden that the Palestinian refugees are suffering from, and lending them a helping hand.

In Lebanon, the “Palestine Hope” team, which is made up of 10 Palestinian-Syrian students, ended its preparations to participate in the “Roboogie 2” competition, to be held on Friday 16th of March 2018 in the Notre Dame University – Louaize in Beirut. Participating, are 100 students divided into 10 teams, who applied from 10 schools, including 9 schools for Syrians and one team representing the Palestinian refugees coming from Syria to Lebanon, to hold the competition title.

The “Roboogie” robot competition is the second edition, launched by MABS organization last year 2017, in coordination with "VEX Robotics Lebanon" and with the full support of the "Swassia" organization. The competition is considered one of the most important competitions for Palestinian-Syrian refugees and Syrians in the world.





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On his part, The head of the Palestinian teachers' group, Yunus Al-Masri said: “Despite this being our team’s first trial, we hope to win the first place for the students’ preparations of this competition, under the leadership of Mr Khaled Taleb.

Al-Masri indicated that: “A team of Palestinian students that had been displaced from different Palestinian camps in Syria and living currently in the central Beqaa area, has been chosen.” He ended his statement to the Action Group with hope that this culture is disseminated to all Palestinian camps, and to work towards providing the possibilities for it, and securing its material support.

Palestinians of Syria: March 14, 2018 Statistics:

- The total number of victims documented by the Action Group is 3672, including 465 women
- 1672 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 1,701 days in a row
- 206 refugees, mainly in Yarmouk Camp, have died due to lack of medical care and malnutrition
- Water supplies have been cut off Deraa Camp for 1437 days, and 177 days in Yarmouk Camp
- The Regime army has been in control of Handarat camp for more than 532 days. More than 80% of its buildings have been completely or partially destroyed.



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- 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