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"Renewal of travel documents" additional burdens pursue the Palestinians of Syria"

- Palestinian refugee dies due to torture in the Syrian regime prisons
- ISIS launches an attack on the armed Syrian opposition on the outskirts of Yarmouk camp
- Turkey opens a specialized office to receive requests from Syrians and Palestinians wishing to obtain visas from Lebanon
- Palestinian-Syrian child dies after falling from the sixth floor of a building in the Lebanese city of Sidon
- ATM cards for Palestinian-Syrians in Lebanon packaged

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Victims

Palestinian refugee “Abdullah Fayez Diab,” has died due to torture in the Syrian regime prisons. Abdullah is the son of the Sheikh-Lawyer, “Fayez Diab Diab,” who also died due to torture in the Syrian prisons. This raises the number of victims of torture among the Palestinian refugees to 477 victims since the beginning of the conflict in Syria.



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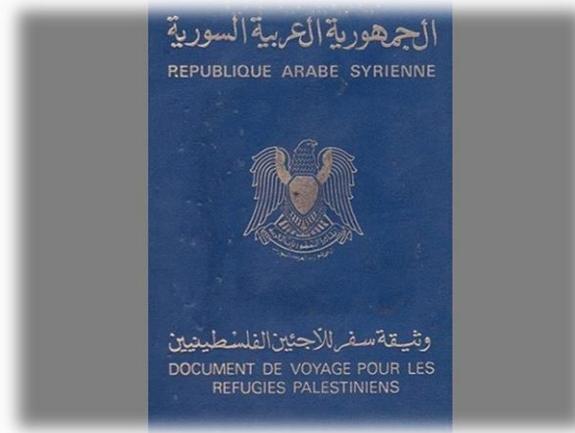
Thousands of Palestinian-Syrians refugees who have been forced to leave Syria, are suffering from great difficulties in the renewal of their Syrian travel documents. This is due to the increase in the price of the renewal and the complicated procedures.

The Palestinian-Syrians are being treated as Syrians regarding the procedures for the renewal or granting of travel documents. Renewing the travel documents costs about 300 American dollars with a waiting period, or 800 American dollars if it is to be renewed within three days. Usually the travel document is renewed for only two years.



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The refugees also find it difficult to communicate with consulates and Syrian embassies because of overcrowding and the widespread of the "time brokers" phenomenon, through close associates of the embassy or the consulate, who sell appointments in exchange for money, in some cases up to US \$300.



It is worth noting that the valid travel document is a prerequisite for Palestinian-Syrians, to obtain residency in most of the countries where they have taken refuge.

In another context, members of ISIS launched an attack on one of the armed Syrian opposition's sites in the Zein neighborhood, on the outskirts of Yarmouk camp for Palestinian refugees, yesterday.

According to our correspondent, ISIS used a rocket-propelled grenade to target the opposition's site, killing one and injuring many.

The Zein neighborhood axis has been witnessing ongoing fighting between members of ISIS and the armed opposition factions in the area, for several days.



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In another context, the Turkish embassy in Lebanon announced its opening of an office specialized to receive requests from Syrians and Palestinians wishing to obtain entry visas to Turkey, on Monday.

The office's director, Ali Ishki, indicated that: "The Syrians who were prevented from travelling, or rather obtaining a travel visa to Turkey for security conditions, can now set an appointment through the Turkish embassy's website, then send a request to obtain one. After less than a week a decision of either an approval or rejection will be sent, following the studying of their file." He added that they will accept all the requests of all the foreigners legitimately living in Lebanon, noting that the price of obtaining an entry visa to his country is 90 dollars.

In August 2017, Turkey had issued a decision to provide the Palestinians with electronic entry visas, however the decision did not include the Palestinian refugees from Syria. It included the Palestinian passport holders, known as the passports of the Palestinian Authority, and under certain conditions.





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There is no news regarding the state of the Palestinian-Syrians with Syrian travel documents to this date. The embassies and Turkish diplomatic delegations have stopped issuing travel visa for them for more than three years, without clarifying or providing a reason for doing so.

Also in Lebanon, Palestinian-Syrian child, “Yazan Ahmed Al-Mohahy,” died the day before yesterday, after falling from the sixth floor of a building in the Zohour neighborhood, in the Lebanese city of Sidon.

The number of Palestinian-Syrian refugees in Lebanon is estimated at 31 thousand refugees, most of which are suffering from extremely harsh economic conditions because of the high costs of living and the lack of job opportunities.

In another context, UNRWA packaged the ATM cards made for the Palestinian-Syrian refugees who have been displaced to Lebanon. A sum of \$100 was paid to cover the rent costs of each Palestinian refugee family from Syria, in addition to an allowance of 40 Syrian pounds for food, equivalent to \$27, per person.

Palestinians of Syria: January 16, 2018 Statistics:

- The total number of victims documented by the Action Group is 3639, including 463 women
- 1653 Palestinians are locked up behind Syrian government’s bars, 106 of which are women



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- Yarmouk refugee camp is under the Syrian regime army and Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine's siege for 1,644 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 1381 days, and 1221 days in Yarmouk Camp
- The Regime army has been in control of Handarat camp for more than 479 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