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"728 Palestinian Refugees Killed in Pro-Gov't Shootouts in Syria"

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- Palestinians in AlNeirab Camp Rally over UNRWA Service Cut
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Latest Developments

728 Palestinian refugees were killed as they fought alongside the Syrian government forces in war-torn Syria.

The list includes 276 Palestinian refugees who died as they joined the Palestine Liberation Army (PLA), affiliated with the Syrian government. Palestinians aged 18 and above have been forced to join the PLA in Syria.

At the same time, 100 Palestinians affiliated with the Popular Front – General Command were killed in the raging hostilities. 85 others died as they fought alongside the pro-government Liwaa AlQuds squad.

The list also includes 35 refugees affiliated with Fatah AlIntifada, 21 from AlJalil Forces, 24 from Free Palestine Movement, and 187 others from pro-government militias.



Sources close to the Syrian government said the Syrian authorities have recently paid tribute to the families of 750 Palestinian refugees killed in pro-government battles.



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In another development, a committee to follow up on the conditions of displaced Palestinian refugees in AlMuhammadiya Camp, north of Syria, has been formed by Palestinian activists.

The committee said in its founding statement that it has seen the day as a result of the tragic situation endured by the displaced Palestinian families north of Syria, which it said is a reminder of the Palestinian Nakba (catastrophe).

Some 50 families displaced from Yarmouk Camp and southern Damascus have been struggling for survival in the impoverished AlMuhammadiya refugee camp, amid a striking apathy by the Palestinian Authority, Palestinian factions, and UNRWA, among other concerned bodies.

Meanwhile, a vigil was staged on February 19 by the residents of AlNeirab Camp in Aleppo outside of UNRWA's office in AlNeirab, protesting the UN Agency's decision to hand over aids only to the poorest families in 2019. The decision implies that thousands of Palestinian families will not be included on the Agency's aid list.



The rally-goers urged the agency to reconsider its “unfair” decision and to work on securing sources of income for the displaced



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families. They added that UNRWA should keep up its services for Palestine refugees, dubbing the Agency a living witness of the Palestinian tragedy.

Residents of AlNeirab Camp have been grappling with dire socio-economic conditions as a result of the price hike, high rates of unemployment, and absence of relief assistance. Frequent power and water blackouts along with the acute dearth in gas and fuel supplies have made the situation far more alarming in the area.

In the meantime, representatives of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP) paid a visit, on Monday, February 18, to Handarat Camp for Palestinian refugees in Aleppo in an attempt to keep tabs on reconstruction works.

Member of the PFLP political bureau Ali Faysal, also secretary of DFLP-Lebanon region, called on UNRWA to work on rehabilitating Handarat Camp and other Palestinian refugee camps at the soonest time possible and to secure life-saving services for the displaced communities in war-torn Syria.





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Over recent months, Palestinian refugees in Handarat Camp, in Aleppo, frequently sounded distress signals as they continue to suffer dire conditions owing to the lack of humanitarian assistance and life-saving services. A severe water and power crisis also continues to rock the area. A massive destruction has been wrought on the infrastructure and civilian structures.

Heavy shelling on Handarat and bloody shootouts between the government forces and the opposition outfits led to the destruction of over 90% of buildings in the camp. The confrontations culminated in the government's takeover of the camp along with other areas in Aleppo and the displacement of its residents on April 27, 2013.

Meanwhile, UNRWA has transferred cash aids for the Palestinians of Syria in Lebanon via ATM cards.

Every Palestinian family from Syria received a rental allowance of up to \$100 and a food allowance worth 27\$ per every refugee.

Nearly 31,000 Palestinian refugees from Syria seeking shelter in Lebanon have been subjected to dire socio-economic conditions and a precarious legal status as the Lebanese authorities continue to rebuff their appeals for legal visas and access to the local labor market.