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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



### "Displaced Palestinian Families Call for Safe Access to Yarmouk Camp"

- 51 Palestinian Residents of Aleppo's AlNeirab Camp Pronounced Dead in War-Torn Syria
- UNRWA Announces End of Psychological Support Project for Palestine Refugees in Lebanon
- Palestinian Refugee Amer Abu Shaqra Secretly Held in Syrian Jail for 7th Year

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## Latest Developments

Palestinian families who have been displaced from Yarmouk Camp continue to appeal to the Syrian authorities, the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) and the Palestinian factions, among other concerned bodies, to work on securing their safe access to their homes in Yarmouk.

Thousands of displaced civilians have gone homeless after they failed to secure a safe shelter in the southern Damascus towns of Yalda, Babila, and Beit Sahem.



Thousands of Palestinian refugees were forced out of Yarmouk Camp after the Syrian fighter jets struck the area on December 16, 2012. Dozens were killed and hundreds wounded in the onslaught. The situation went downhill after ISIS militias grabbed hold of the camp in April 2015.

After the Syrian government forces recaptured the camp, a number of families who returned to their homes were ordered to either pay rental fees (at least \$55) or leave the area once and for all. As a result,



dozens of families sought shelter in abandoned and ruined buildings.

6,000 displaced Palestinian families who headed for Qudsaya, in Rif Dimashq, in the hunt for a safe shelter, have also been subject to dire conditions due to the price hike, high unemployment rates, steep rental fees, and the decline in civilians' purchasing power.

Meanwhile, AGPS documented the death of 51 Palestinian refugee sheltered in AlNeirab Camp, in Aleppo, since the outbreak of the Syrian war.

The list includes 17 refugees who were fatally gunned down, 13 who died in blasts, 10 who died under shelling, and five refugees who were killed by snipers.

At the same time, three Palestinians from AlNeirab Camp were killed after they were kidnapped and another three refugees died of unknown reasons.

In another development, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) held a ceremony at the UNRWA Haifa School in Beirut to mark the end of an eight month GIZ project entitled "Strengthening Psychological Support for Palestine Refugees from Lebanon and Palestinian Refugees from Syria".

This project is part of ongoing GIZ support to the Agency aimed at building a more sustainable structure for the provision of psychosocial support services. This has included strengthening





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technical support, interdisciplinary work, as well as coordination between mental health and psychosocial support services (MHPSS) within UNRWA and amongst external actors and national coordination structures.

Progressive capacity building activities were conducted, including advanced trainings and technical support targeting a diverse range of UNRWA personnel, including social workers, school counselors, nurses and protection staff.

The project included activities that aimed at empowering and enhancing the resilience of adult and child Palestine refugees through community engagement, participation and family/parent support. Over 300 community members participated in awareness sessions on psychosocial support and wellbeing, including members of the Parent and Teacher Committees as well as Women's Committees.

UNRWA is confronted with an increased demand for services resulting from a growth in the number of registered Palestine refugees, the extent of their vulnerability and their deepening poverty. UNRWA is funded almost entirely by voluntary contributions and financial support has been outpaced by the growth in needs. As a result, the UNRWA program budget, which supports the delivery of core essential services, operates with a large shortfall.

UNRWA is a United Nations agency established by the General Assembly in 1949 and mandated to provide assistance and protection to some 5.4 million Palestine refugees registered with



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UNRWA across its five fields of operation. Its services encompass education, health care, relief and social services, camp infrastructure and improvement, protection and microfinance.

In the meantime, Palestinian refugee Amer Abu Shaqra, born in 1989, has been enduring a mysterious fate in Syrian government prisons for the seventh year running.

Amer was arrested on December 12, 2012 at Khan Eshieh checkpoint while carrying a small money box. The government forces alleged he was carrying an explosive device.

Three months following his abduction, the family was told by the military police that he died in jail on March 17, 2013. However, sources at the Justice Palace confirmed he was alive and held in a military prison.

