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"Pro-Government Palestinian Factions Lay off Scores of Gunmen"

- Sabina Camp Thoroughfares Closed off By Debris Mounds
- Palestinian Refugee Salim AlMaw'ed Held in Syrian Jail for 5th Year
- Migrant Boat Bound for Greece Intercepted by Turkish Navy

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Latest Developments

A number of Palestinian factions in Damascus have laid off dozens of Palestinian gunmen over the past few months.

The Free Palestine Movement, Fatah AlIntifada, and AlSa'eka group disarmed dozens of pro-government fighters and cut off their salaries. Only a handful of gunmen were left in Yarmouk Camp.

The Lay-off has come following a military operation launched on Yarmouk Camp and which led to the retreat of ISIS and AlNusra militias, along with armed opposition groups south of Damascus.

Speaking with AGPS, local sources attributed the measure to the de-escalation and funding shortfall in the area.



The move reportedly stirred the wrath of a number of kicked-out officers who have no other sources of income. Several injured fighters also said they have received no compensations over their military services.

A number of Palestinian factions namely the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine–General Command, Fatah AlIntifada, AlSaeka, the Free Palestine Movement, and AlNidhal AlShaabi have



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been fighting alongside the Syrian government forces in and around such refugee camps as Yarmouk, Khan Dannun, AlSayeda Zeinab, AlHusainiya, Jaramana, AlAyedeen, AlNeirab, and AlRaml.

Hundreds of Palestinian refugees were killed as they joined pro-government battles waged against opposition groups, ISIS militias, and AlNusra battalions.

Meanwhile, residents of AlSabina Camp for Palestinian refugees in Rif Dimashq railed against the mounds of debris piled up at the main entrances to the area.

The residents slammed local authorities for turning their back on their appeals for debris clearance and for reneging on their promises to ease civilians' access to their homes and rehabilitate infrastructure.



Violent onslaughts launched on AlSabina Camp in 2013 led to the destruction of 80% of civilian buildings and facilities. On August 30, 2017 a number of residents were allowed to return to their homes. The government forces seized the camp on November 17, 2013.



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Located some 14 kilometers away from southern Damascus, AlSabina Camp, used to shelter 25,000 Palestinian refugees prior to the outbreak of the conflict.

In the meantime, Palestinian refugee Salim AlMaw'ed has been locked up in a Syrian government dungeon for the fifth consecutive year.



Salim was arrested at the Yarmouk Camp checkpoint on May 22, 2013. His family continues to appeal for information.

AGPS documented the incarceration of 1,690 Palestinians in Syrian government prisons, where 555 others were tortured to death.

In another development, a vessel carrying 11 migrants, among them five Palestinian refugees, was intercepted by the Turkish coast guard as it set sail toward the Greek Island of Chios.

Until recently, Turkey has been a major launching off point for migrants attempting to reach Europe, fleeing war-torn zones.

According to AGPS data, 50 Palestinian refugees drowned at sea on way to Europe.