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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria

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"AGPS: Over 85,000 Palestinian Refugees from Syria Seeking Shelter in Europe"



- Heavy Shelling Rocks Palestinian Neighborhoods in Deraa
- On Land Day, Palestinian Refugees in Southern Damascus Appeal for Lifting Siege on Yarmouk Camp
- 3,473 Palestinian Refugees from Syria Killed Due to War-Related Incidents

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Latest Developments

A joint report issued by the Action Group for Palestinians of Syria (AGPS) and the Palestinian Return Center (PRC) under the title “the Palestinians of Syria and the Closed Doors” documented the influx of over 85,000 Palestinians to Europe.

The exact number remains vague due to the difficulties in the documentation process as a result of the delays in data-release by the concerned European bodies and statistics centers. Other official organs, including the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), halted their publication of quarterly reports. At the same time no official Palestinian authorities have kept record of thorough data on the Palestinians from Syria in Europe.



According to AGPS data, 97,206 Palestinians from Syria reached Europe until June 2016. In light of the absence of official data and statistics regarding the Palestinians from Syria, a category often referred to as “stateless, AGPS statistics are conducted using the weighting technique



which helps establishing fairly accurate estimations as regards the intended study subject.

According to data by the European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex) for the second quarter of 2015, the number of refugees from Syria is three times higher. Based on such a finding, the number of Palestinian refugees from Syria in Europe is estimated at around 41,706.

During the first half of 2016, official data as regards the refugees from Syria had been brought to a standstill by such concerned bodies as UNHCR and Frontex. Taking into account the continued influx of refugees prior to the Turkish-European deal struck in early March 2016, AGPS estimates that 8,000 Palestinians from Syria have reached Europe, amounting, more or less, to the same number recorded in 2015.

As a result of Turkey's implementation of a closed-door immigration policy following the March 2016 deal and the tough restrictions enforced by Hungary, Bulgaria, and Macedonia on their borders, the number of Palestinians from Syria who entered Europe has shrunk back. Between 2011 and January 2016, 79,206 refugees reached Europe. The current number is expected to have exceeded 85,000 refugees according to estimates by refugees' families and siblings.

In another development, ALSadd neighborhood among other quarters housing Palestinian families in Deraa, south of Syria, was struck with heavy artilleries and mortar shells on Friday, inflicting massive damage on civilian homes.

Palestinian refugees in southern Syria have been enduring dire conditions due to the security mayhem rocking the area. According to



unofficial statistics, 70% of Deraa Camp buildings have been razed to the ground in the raging warfare.

Meanwhile, a sit-in was held on the 41st anniversary of the Palestinian Land Day by the Palestinian Popular Commission in Palestine Neighborhood, in Babila town, south of Damascus,

Residents of Yarmouk Camp and representatives of the displaced community in Yalda, Babila, and Beit Sahem, joined the sit-in.

The sit-inners lifted banners reading: “Palestine our Destination; Return our Goal”; “Palestine, Our Motherland, We’re Coming Back”, and “We Refuse Deportation.”



Speaking at the event, prominent Palestinian activist south of Damascus Abu Saleh Taha said: “We, the people of Yarmouk Camp and the residents of southern Damascus, are here today to mark the 41st anniversary of the Land Day in memory of the six Palestinians killed by the Israeli forces in Galilee and Negev and to pay homage to the hundreds of injured civilians and arrestees.”



The commission urged the Palestinian leadership and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), in a statement delivered during the sit-in, to assume their duties as regards the Palestinian Diaspora and the situation in Palestinian refugee camps, namely besieged Yarmouk.

A tough cordon has been imposed on Yarmouk shelter by the regime army and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine – General Command (PFLP-GC) for 1,378 days running.

In the meantime, AGPS documented the death of 1,138 Palestinian refugees in war-torn Syria. Deadly clashes between the government army and the opposition outfits claimed the lives of 853 Palestinians while 461 others were tortured to death in Syrian government penitentiaries.

AGPS reports and extensive statistics are available on the group's website: actionpal.org.uk

Palestinians of Syria: March 31, 2017 Statistics:

- *At least 3,473 Palestinians, including 455 women, were killed in war-torn Syria.*
- *1,183 Palestinian refugees, including 86 women, are incarcerated in Syrian government lock-ups.*
- *Yarmouk refugee camp has been blockaded by the Syrian regime army and Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine - General Command (PFLP-GC) for 1,378 days in a row.*
- *195 Palestinians died of undernourishment and medical neglect in the blockaded Yarmouk Camp.*



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- *Water supplies cut off in Deraa and Yarmouk camps respectively for 1,084 and 892 days.*
- *Residents of Handarat Camp, in Aleppo, denied access to their homes for 1,428 days. Government battalions have been holding sway over the camp for more than 162 days.*
- *Over 79,000 Palestinian Syrian refugees fled to Europe until mid 2016.*
- *31,000 Palestinians from Syria are housed in Lebanon.*
- *17,000 Palestinians from Syria are taking refuge in Jordan.*
- *6,000 Palestinian-Syrian refugees are sheltered in Egypt.*
- *8,000 Palestinian-Syrian refugees are taking shelter in Turkey.*
- *1,000 Palestinian-Syrian refugees are sheltered in the blockaded Gaza Strip.*