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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"Palestinian refugees in Zayzun gathering, south of Syria, face winter in their worn out tents"

- Despite their health hazards... artesian wells are the only choice for residents of Yarmouk and Deraa camps
- Syrian security continues to detain Palestinian "Khaled Behtety" for the 4th year
- 12 Palestinian-Syrians died in October 2017
- South Korea donates 500 thousand dollars to UNRWA's educational and medical services for the Palestian-Syrian refugees in Jordan

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Latest Developments

The Palestinian refugees displaced from the Yarmouk basin in south Syria to Zayzun camp, are suffering a great tragedy, because of their worn out tents that have become their only shelter after their displacement.

The Action Group's reporter in south Syria said that the suffering of the residents aggravates as it rains, as their tents turn into swamps, as well as flying away in the presence of strong winds amid the cold winter weather.



Our reporter added that there were no preparations made to help the refugees face the winter season, noting that they are prevented from humanitarian assistance as well as the weak relief work serving the region.

Approximately 115 Palestinian refugee families are living in Zayzun gathering, where they lack the minimum elements of a decent life. They left their homes due to the continuous bombardments on their houses by the Syrian regime, in addition to ISIS's control over some areas in the city, similar to what happened in the Jileen gathering.



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According to our reporter in Deraa, most of the families that were displaced to the Zayzun gathering, are Palestinian families who were displaced from the neighborhoods of Deraa, its camp and the Jileen gathering.

The residents renewed their calls to UNRWA and all Palestinian and international parties concerned with the Palestinian refugees in Syria, to urgently exert their efforts towards the suffering of families in the gathering, stressing that UNRWA must rapidly play its role towards them, as an international institution responsible for Palestinian refugees.

In a similar context, residents of Yarmouk and Deraa camps are suffering from the lack of water in their houses, leading them to use water from artesian wells to guarantee drinking water and water for their houses. The artesian wells water has become the only available choice for the residents of both camps, regardless of its validity to use.

Experts have told the AGPS that most of the wells that the residents are depending on, can cause kidney diseases, especially if used frequently on the long run. The water contains a high percentage of sediment, and does not undergo any kind of health treatment.

The Syrian regime cut the drinking water supply off Yarmouk camp for Palestinian refugees 1174 days ago, and 1334 days ago from Deraa camp.

The Monitoring and Documentation Team in AGPS announced that 12 Palestinians died during October 2017, of which



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6 died from gunshots, 2 died of sniper shots during a bombardment, one person died of torture in the Syrian prisons, another person died due to the siege and lack of medical care, one refugee died during an explosion and another person was assassinated.

AGPS noted that the Palestinian refugees that died during October 2017, were distributed across Syria as follows: 3 refugees died in Deraa, 3 in Damascus, 3 people died in unknown locations, 2 refugees in Deir ez-Zour and one person in the suburbs of Damascus.

The Group concluded that the number of Palestinian refugees who have died during the ongoing war in Syria is 3614 victims.

In the meantime, the Syrian regime continues to detain 33 year old, Palestinian “Khaled Ismaeil Behtety,” for the fourth consecutive year. Members of the Syrian security raided his house in the town of Sahya and took him to an unknown location. To this day, no information has been revealed about him. He was a resident of the town of Sahya in the suburbs of Damascus.





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AGPS receives a number of messages and information about the detained Palestinians. They are then documented despite the difficulty of recording information because the Syrian regime continues to hide the fate, names and locations of the detainees. The Group has recorded the detention of 1643 Palestinian refugees in the Syrian regime prisons, of which 105 are females.

In another context, the Government of the Republic of Korea donated 500 thousand American dollars to UNRWA, to help guarantee the continuation of the Agency's educational and health services for the Palestinian refugees from Syria, in Jordan.

The Agency said that the joint agreement occurred with the Korean Ambassador to Jordan, Lee Bum-young and the Commissioner-General of UNRWA, Pierre Krähenbühl, on the 15th of November, in Amman.



The Agency added that the contribution is to support UNRWA in guaranteeing the Palestinian refugees, who were displaced because of the conflict in Syria and are currently in Jordan, the freedom to go to schools, health centers, professional training centers for the



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youth, safe and children friendly, and taking into consideration the gender.

The Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Jordan, Lee Bum-young said: “When I visited UNRWA’s professional training center in Amman last year, I learnt that 17000 of the Palestinian refugees in Syria are prevented from the support given to the Syrian refugees, only because they are Palestinians, regardless of the fact that they are refugees because of the Syrian crisis. Today, I am glad to be offering those people the support they need through UNRWA.”

UNRWA previously announced that it has an increased demand for services, since the registered number of Palestinian refugees increased, the degree of vulnerability of the situation they live in and their worsening poverty.

Palestinians of Syria: November 30, 2017 Statistics:

- The total number of victims documented by the Action Group is 3614, including 464 women
- 1643 Palestinians are locked up behind Syrian government’s bars, 105 of which are women
- Yarmouk refugee camp is under the Syrian regime army and Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine’s siege for 1,597 days in a row
- 204 refugees, mainly in Yarmouk Camp, have died due to lack of medical care and malnutrition



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- Water supplies have been cut off Deraa Camp for 1334 days, and 1174 days in Yarmouk Camp
- Residents of Handarat Camp, in Aleppo have been banned from their homes for 1,670 days. Government troops have taken over the camp for more than 433 days.
- 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