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"After Forcing over 2,000 Residents Out, Gov't Forces Tighten Grip on Khan Al-Sheih Camp"



- **Palestinian Refugee Succumbs to Wounds Inflicted by Wadi Barada Clashes**
- **Sham Al-Rasoul Brigade Seizes Pool Area on Outskirts of Blockaded Yarmouk Camp**
- **Palestinian Refugee Camps in Syria Subjected to Tragic Humanitarian Situation**
- **Swedish Aid Convoy Due to Arrive in Yarmouk Shelter**

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Victims

Palestinian refugee Ali Hussein Shahada, a resident of Al-Sayeda Zeinab Camp in Rural Damascus, died of wounds he sustained a few days ago as he fought alongside the pro-Government forces in Wadi Barada, in Rural Damascus.

Four Palestinian residents of Al-Sayeda Zeinab Camp were killed since the start of 2017, AGPS found out.

Latest Developments

A tight security cordon has been imposed by the Syrian government forces on Khan Al-Sheih Camp for Palestinian refugees in western Rural Damascus.

Reporting from Khan Al-Sheih, AGPS news correspondent said the government troops have been blocking the entry of fuel and kerosene supplies along with batteries into the shelter. Civilians have also been denied free access out of and into the camp.

In order for workers and university students to gain access out of the camp, they have to register their names one day earlier at the Palestine Liberation Army (PLA) branch, where cases of harassment and intimidation have been a daily occurrence.

A state of panic has swamped the camp due to the simmering crackdowns, interrogation summonses, and abductions carried out by the



regime forces in a barefaced infringement of the reconciliation deal struck with the opposition outfits.

AGPS news correspondent said on December 25, 2016 the Syrian government forces from the Sa'sa' branch in Rural Damascus embarked on an abduction sweep against Khan Al-Sheih residents. The list of arrestees included the Palestinian refugees Faris Eissat and Mohamed Abdullah Abu Kifah Arsan, among others.



The government troops also seized relief vehicles laden with aids slated to be handed out to Khan Al-Sheih civilians.

On December 26, 2016, three Palestinian refugees—Shadi Al-Hindi, Khaled Al-Hindi, and Hamouda Al-Hindi—were kidnapped from Khan Al-Sheih shortly after the Syrian battalions rolled into the camp.

Regime squads from the Sa'sa' Branch also held sway over four civilian cars belonging to Khan Al-Sheih residents.

The locals further sounded distress signals over the swift hike in unemployment and poverty rates, along with the acute dearth in financial resources, due to the tough blockade.



The residents appealed to the international human rights institutions, the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), the Palestinian political factions, and UNRWA to urgently step in and work on toning down the crisis at the soonest time possible.

Khan Al-Sheih residents added that a sum of 25 million Syrian Liras donated by the member of the Fatah Central Committee, Samir Al-Refai, who popped in the camp on January 3, 2017 , “has remained in secret pockets,” instead of being used to enhance the infrastructure, as pledged by the donor.

The Syrian government forces and their PLA abettors grabbed hold of the camp following a reconciliation accord struck with the opposition outfits in early December 2016.

In a related development, the anti-government Sham Al-Rasoul Brigade reportedly grabbed hold on Wednesday of the Pool Area between Yalda town and the blockaded Yarmouk shelter.

Sometime earlier, Fatah Al-Sham battalions deployed in the Pool area crept into Yalda, Babilla, and Beit Sahem towns and tightened grip on the environs of Yarmouk’s northwestern area of Al-Rija Square.

At the same time, ISIS militias continue to block the entry of civilians and foodstuff into the camp, after they declared the area a closed military zone.

The shelter has been subjected to another blockade slapped by the Syrian regime troops and their war partners.



Meanwhile, AGPS continues to sound the alarm over the dire living conditions rocking Palestinian refugee camps in war-torn Syria.

Price hikes, unemployment, high rental fees, extreme poverty, and lack of financial resources have made life unbearable in those refugee camps.

Several youths dropped out of school after they have been forced to seek a livelihood to help their impoverished families.

AGPS documented the death of 186 Palestinians due to blockade-related incidents in Yarmouk Camp.

In heartbreaking photos leaked on social media networks, starved civilians occur as gulping down herbs picked from the ground and cat meat after they have run out of food.

Children have also often been diagnosed with anemia, among other life-threatening diseases, due to medical neglect.

Civilians have often spoken out against the chronic power, water, and telecommunications blackouts rocking refugee camps across war-torn Syria.



At the same time, residents of Al-Sbeina Camp, in Rural Damascus, and the Aleppo-based Handarat Camp have been denied access to their homes via government checkpoints.

Civil Action Commissions

The Second Swedish Aid Convoy is due to arrive in the Yarmouk Camp in mid-February, laden with food parcels and other humanitarian needs.

Khaled Al-Yousef, an official in charge of the convoy, stated on Wednesday that the move aims to alleviate the humanitarian crises endured by the Palestinian and Syrian families.



Around 2,000 food parcels were distributed to displaced families in Yalda, Al-Ramadan, and Jaramana shelters by the first Swedish aid convoy that arrived in Syria in early April 2016.

The convoy comes as part of the national and international endeavors made to help the needy in war-torn areas.



Palestinians of Syria: February 2, 2017 Statistics:

- *At least 3,429 Palestinians, including 455 women, were killed in war-torn Syria.*
- *1,152 Palestinian refugees, including 82 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 1,324 days in a row.*
- *190 Palestinians died of undernourishment and medical neglect in the blockaded Yarmouk Camp.*
- *Water supplies cut off in Deraa and Yarmouk camps respectively for 1,027 and 834 days.*
- *Residents of Handarat Camp, in Aleppo, denied access to their homes for 1,371 days. Government battalions have been holding sway over the camp for more than 105 days.*
- *Government troops ban residents of Al-Sbiena Camp from returning to their homes for 1,176 days running.*
- *Over 79,000 Palestinian Syrian refugees fled to Europe until mid 2016.*
- *31,000 Palestinians from Syria are housed in Lebanon.*
- *17 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.*