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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



**"The Syrian regime continues to impose its siege on Yarmouk camp for over 1600 days"**

- After the cessation of their salaries, the members of ISIS continue to loot the houses of Yarmouk camp
- The Syrian war has divided the Palestinian refugees over 20 countries
- Warnings to the refugees on the Greek islands of leaving fireplaces on in their tents

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## Latest Developments

The Syrian regime forces, the General Command groups and the pro-regime Palestinian factions, continue to impose their siege on Yarmouk camp for more than 1600 consecutive days, opening the door to the residents' great suffering due to water and electricity cuts, which have resulted in the prevention of food, medical and other supplies from entering the camp. The residents are also banned from leaving and returning to the camp from its main entrances, which are controlled by Syrian security groups and the Palestinian factions affiliated to them.



In addition, the repetitive bombardments and the continuous siege have caused all the hospitals and clinics to close, and a number of medical staff members have died due to the bombardments with planes and mortar shells.

AGPS has recorded the names of 1333 Palestinian refugees who have died during the war in Syria, including 201 people who have died due to the siege, hunger and the shortage in medical care.



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ISIS's raid into the camp and its control over it, with the aid of Al-Nusra Front in 2015, has aggravated the suffering of the residents. Many relief agencies withdrew from the camp under ISIS's threats.

While a number of families are living in a new siege, in areas controlled by "Tahrir Al-Sham," previously known as Al-Nusra, after ISIS and the Syrian regime imposed their siege on the area. The besieged residents are finding it hard to secure drinking water and food, especially with the spread of snipers from both sides, as well as the burning of houses and the detonation of explosive devices.

Sources in the Yarmouk refugee camp told AGPS's reporter that members of ISIS are systematically looting the homes of the residents of the camp, after the organization stopped paying their salaries. Over the past few days, a theft phenomenon has grown considerably, where the members of ISIS steal everything they can carry and unassemble out of the houses, including electric wires extending inside the walls.

Members of ISIS had previously started stealing the wooden furniture from the camp's houses and converting it into firewood for heating, to sell it in the camp's markets.

The war in Syria has divided most of the Palestinian refugee families in Syria. Barely a single Palestinian family has been set free from the displacement and dispersion of most of its members, around the world, in addition to the homelessness and displacement within the Syrian cities and towns.



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The statistics reveal that Palestinian-Syrians are distributed across the following countries: Lebanon, Jordan, Egypt, Turkey, Libya, Sudan, Thailand, Malaysia, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, Britain, the Netherlands, Finland, Switzerland and France, as well as Brazil, Chile, Canada and other countries.

According to UNRWA's most recent statistics, about 140,000 Palestinian refugees have been displaced from Syria because of the war.

It should be noted that the arrival of refugees to these countries was not systematic, since all of the countries close their doors in the face of the Palestinian-Syrian refugees. This has forced them to refer to illegal immigration, using land and sea smuggling routes, and putting their lives at risk to escape the war which has targeted their camps in Syria.

In a similar context, activists on the Greek islands warned the refugees living in tents, of the dangers of leave the fireplaces in their tents on and sleep during the night. The activists added that a number of deaths have been recorded among the refugees, caused by materials emitted from heating stoves, according to the medical tests.

The activists also said that last winter, in the beginning of 2017, there were sudden deaths at Moria camp, located on the Island of Lesbos. A young man who had not been complaining of any disease or illness, was found dead by his friends in the morning.



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Kathimerini website conducted a thorough investigation and met with the family of the dead man, in an attempt to gather all the information needed to discover the reason for his death. They found that the winter temperatures decreased and the snowfall in the first month of the year, and that the camps the residents live in do not have any means of heating systems or electrical power, makes the refugees putting wood in cans of mineral oil “Tanak,” burning wood or other materials in these metal cans, to keep them warm while sleeping inside the tents at night.

The result of this process is carbon monoxide, a suffocating gas that kills the victim without feeling. The website added that every human body is different from another in its response to carbon monoxide, which is why one person died and the other survived in the same tent.



On the basis of these investigations, the activists gave their warnings, especially with low temperatures coming in the next few days, and stressed on the importance of paying attention when igniting anything at night, noting that it is necessary to turn any fires off at night.



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It is noteworthy that the number of stranded Palestinian-Syrians in Greece, until the end of 2016 is estimated at 400 refugees, most of which are on the islands of Lesbos, Mytilini, Chios, Leros and Kos, including children, women and elderly people. They are distributed across the refugee camps, some of them living in tents and others in large halls or caravans.

### **Palestinians of Syria: December 04, 2017 Statistics:**

- The total number of victims documented by the Action Group is 3615, including 463 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 1,601 days in a row
- 204 refugees, mainly in Yarmouk Camp, have died due to lack of medical care and malnutrition
- Water supplies have been cut off Deraa Camp for 1338 days, and 1178 days in Yarmouk Camp
- Residents of Handarat Camp, in Aleppo have been banned from their homes for 1,674 days. Government troops have taken over the camp for more than 437 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