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"On Palestinian Child Day: 220 Palestinian Children Killed in War-Torn Syria"



- Residents of Khan Dannun Launch Cry for Help over Transportation Crisis
- Palestine Charity Provides Health Services to Yarmouk Community
- Afaq Charity Distributes School Bags to Palestinian Students in Syria

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Latest Developments

On the occasion of the Palestinian Child's Day, AGPS documented the death of 220 Palestinian children due to war-related incidents in Syria until April 5, 2017.

The leading causes of death varied between shelling, sniper attacks, clashes, the blockade, and drowning.

AGPS found out that 70 children died as a result of the tough blockade imposed by the Syrian government and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine – General Command (PFLP-GC) on Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian refugees, south of Damascus. Affidavits by ex-detainees provided evidence for the presence of toddlers clinging to their mother's arms in Syrian government lock-ups.



Hundreds of children trapped in Yarmouk, among other Palestinian refugee camps in southern Damascus, are on the verge of death due to undernourishment and medical neglect.



Palestinian children in Syria have also been denied the right to adequate education. Several have dropped out of school as the Syrian fighter jets continue to strike schools in Yarmouk, Khan AlSheih, and Daraa camps with missiles and artillery shells. The latest such onslaught targeted UNRWA-run Biria School in Khan AlSheih on November 17, 2016.

At the same time, ISIS militias closed most of Yarmouk's alternative schools.

Thousands of Palestinian children from Syria in Lebanon and Turkey gave up classes as they rummaged around for livelihoods to help their impoverished families.

Beyond the immediate loss of parents and siblings, destruction of property, abductions, and sexual abuse, Syria's warfare has wrought long-term psychological effects on the Palestinian children who survived years of airstrikes and bloody hostilities. Hundreds of children have risked their lives onboard the death boats to Europe. Inside or outside Syria, Palestinian refugee children have been diagnosed with symptoms of trauma and psychosis.

On the occasion of the Palestinian Children's Day, AGPS urges all international institutions and UN organs, most notably UNICEF and UNRWA, to work on providing Palestinian and Syrian children with the needed physical and moral protection.

AGPS calls on all warring parties in Syria to cease attacks and shelling on schools and combine forces to restore children's right to a safe education and a dignified life.



In another development, a transportation crisis has been rocking Khan Dannun Camp since the outburst of the Syrian warfare.

Reporting from Khan Dannun shelter, located some 23 kilometers away from southern Damascus, AGPS news correspondent said civilians' access out of and into the area has almost been blocked. Workers and students have also had difficulties getting to their workplaces and universities.

Khan Dannun residents spoke out against the steep and unfixed transportation fees, often devouring up to a quarter of their salaries. Civilians are often forced to catch another means of transportation as bus drivers change the lines, stops, and fees quite unpredictably. Others have found no other way-out than to walk for thousands of meters in order to reach their workplaces. More often than not, Al-Kiswa town is the only terminus of government buses.

AGPS reporter quoted Khan Dannun residents as appealing to the concerned authorities and Palestinian factions to show up in the shelter so as to keep tabs on the daily suffering inflicted by the transportation issue and work out the crisis at the soonest time possible.

Meanwhile, the Palestine Charity Commission provided 2,877 free prescriptions to the residents of Yarmouk and those displaced to Yalda, Beit Sahem, and Bibila. The charity's pharmacy further distributed the prescribed drugs to the concerned patients.

In March, 127 free prescriptions were handed over by the organization to sick civilians during the evening shifts.



A school clinic run by the charity has also offered health services to AlQuds School enrollees under the supervision of a general practitioner and a nurse. 200 prescriptions were laid down to school children in the same month.

70 emergency cases were further treated by the charity for burns, wounds, and fractures in March.

In a related development, Afaq Center, run by the Palestine Charity, distributed, in partnership with Islamic Relief Worldwide, some 200 schoolbags to kindergartners and primary school learners among the Palestinians of Syria registered with the center.



Palestinians of Syria: April 5, 2017 Statistics:

- *At least 3,476 Palestinians, including 455 women, were killed in war-torn Syria.*
- *1,183 Palestinian refugees, including 86 women, are incarcerated in Syrian government lock-ups.*



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- *Yarmouk refugee camp has been blockaded by the Syrian regime army and Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine - General Command (PFLP-GC) for 1,383 days in a row.*
- *195 Palestinians died of undernourishment and medical neglect in the blockaded Yarmouk Camp.*
- *Water supplies cut off in Deraa and Yarmouk camps respectively for 1,089 and 897 days.*
- *Residents of Handarat Camp, in Aleppo, denied access to their homes for 1,433 days. Government battalions have been holding sway over the camp for more than 167 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.*