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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"Opening the Yarmouk camp-Yelda crossing eases the suffering of more than 3000 besieged people"

- Night bombardment targets Yarmouk camp amid fighting between ISIS and the opposition
- Residency permit and reunion delays are most prominent problems faced by the Palestinian refugees in Europe
- 3175 refugees arrive in Greece during November

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Latest Developments

The Action Group's correspondent in the south of Damascus said that the crossing linking between Yarmouk camp and Yelda is open almost completely in front of civilian movement, however the entry of bicycles and motorbikes is banned. This should ease the suffering of more than 3000 families, besieged in Yarmouk camp.

The Yelda crossing is considered the only lifeline for these families, since they obtain the necessary food supplies through it, and its closure makes their life much more difficult as it reminds them of the hunger days, when the regime imposed its total siege, leading to the death of 201 people.



This comes amid the continuous siege imposed by the Syrian army, the General Command groups and the Palestinian factions affiliated to the regime, on Yarmouk camp for 1602 consecutive days, as well as the water and electricity cuts, which have prevented food, medical and other supplies from entering the camp. The families are also banned from leaving or returning to the camp through its main entrances.



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In the same context, Yarmouk camp for Palestinian refugees in south Damascus, was bombarded with mortar shells in the late hours of Monday. Our correspondent reported that a number of houses were damaged.

While clashes between ISIS and “Jaish Al-Ababeel”, one of the armies affiliated to the armed Syrian opposition, broke out on the Tuesday Market’s axis in Al-Tadamon neighborhood, adjacent to Yarmouk camp.

On its Facebook page, Jaish Al-Ababeel published pictures saying it shows the destruction of ISIS’s fortifications on the Tuesday Market’s axis, using a B10 cannon, causing direct injuries.

ISIS had taken control over Yarmouk camp with the support and assistance of members of Al-Nusra Front.

In another context, thousands of Palestinian-Syrian refugees who were able to reach Europe, are complaining from the delays in issuing their residency permits, which occasionally takes more than 8 months, as in Sweden and other north European countries.

This has had a negative effect on the refugees, which are waiting to be reunited with their families that were divided across Syria, Lebanon and Turkey. In addition to the economic loads beared by the refugees in those countries, especially guaranteeing their families’ living expenses that are waiting to be reunited, even though it could take several months more.

A large segment of them are suffering from the consequences of leaving their fingerprints in Italy and other countries that forced



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them to stamp their fingerprints during their journey in north Europe. Usually, their asylum requests in the north European countries are rejected, according to the Dublin Convention.

In the meantime, the activist Tommy Olsen, one of the volunteers helping the refugees in Greece, recorded the arrival of 67 boats at the Greek islands during November. He said that they carried about 3175 refugees. He also added that during October, he recorded the arrival of 112 boats, carrying 4116 refugees.

Currently, 15486 refugees are stranded on the Greek islands, which are overcrowded and do not offer enough facilities to the refugees, causing them to live in tents under the rain and extremely cold weather.

This comes amid calls made by the residents of Samos, Chios and Lesbos to hold a mass protest on the streets of Athens, demanding a solution to the overcrowding of the Greek islands and to put pressure of the Greek authorities to transfer a large number of the refugees on the islands, to the Greek mainland.





The number of Palestinian-Syrians stranded 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, and including women, children and elderly people. They are distributed across the refugee camps; some of them are living in tents, and others in large halls or caravans.

Palestinians of Syria: December 05, 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 1,602 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 1339 days, and 1179 days in Yarmouk Camp
- Residents of Handarat Camp, in Aleppo have been banned from their homes for 1,675 days. Government troops have taken over the camp for more than 438 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