



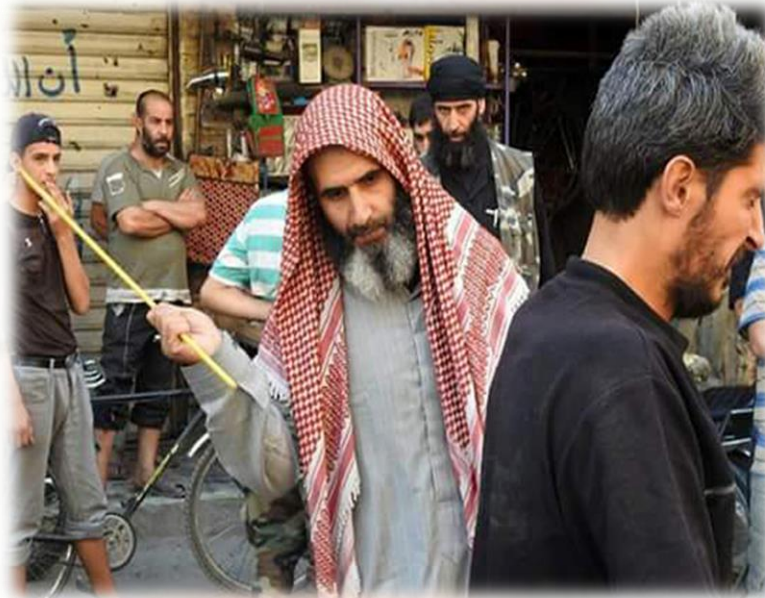
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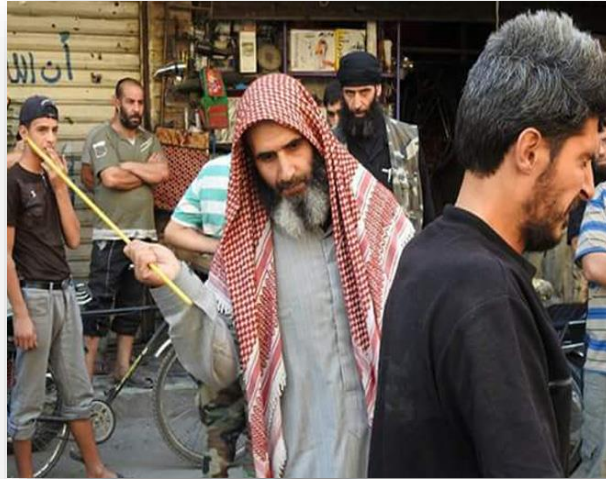
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Latest Developments

Civilians trapped in Yarmouk Camp, south of Damascus, have sounded distress signals over the crackdowns and violations perpetrated by ISIS on a daily basis.

Yarmouk residents said life in the camp has become unbearable as “ISIS have been reining in personal freedoms, manipulating private life, and humiliating men and women nonstop.”



AGPS reporter said ISIS has closed off the main entry/exit points for the residents of Fatah AlSham-led areas, blocking their access to food and water.

ISIS has also grabbed hold of sports facilities in Yarmouk, namely the Diaspora Stadium and a youth center in the area, turning them into drill camps.

AGPS field reporter added that the camp has been divided into several sectors by the different warring militias, each of which has been sealed



off with sand barriers and roadblocks. Two such barriers have been set up by ISIS on Lubiya Road using sand-filled iron tanks; Other checkpoints have been pitched in Abu Hashish Square and Haifa Street, along with the main access road to Uruba Street. A number of sand barriers set up along Street 30 have been lifted by ISIS.

ISIS militias have also burglarized homes in AlJa'ouna neighborhood, which was later declared a closed military zone, and transferred furniture to ISIS strongholds in the camp.

Meanwhile, AlKara'in militia in Yarmouk ordered civilians to evacuate their homes around areas run by the battalion, declaring the targeted zones civilian-free areas.

The notifications were released following the assassination of AlKra'in commander Ahmed Abdul Rahman Karim, nicknamed Abu Rabi' AlKar'ouna, in a blast rocking a tunnel between Palestine Street and AlTadhamun neighborhood a few days ago.





AlKara'in battalion was formed after the Syrian MiG fighter jets struck Abdul Kadir AlHusseini Mosque and AlFalouja School in Yarmouk on December 16, 2012. 25 to 30 young men affiliated with the Syrian opposition joined the militia.

AGPS reporter said those stranded in areas controlled by Tahrir AlSham commission in Yarmouk have been enduring a two-fold siege imposed by ISIS, on the one hand, and the pro-government squads, on the other.

Civilians in Tahrir AlSham-led zones said their homes get frequently burglarized shortly after they leave the area to fetch food. One such incident occurred moments after a lady left her home in the hunt for foodstuff to feed her starved children. As soon as she came back home, she found out that all of her furniture and belongings were stolen.

The health situation in the camp has also seen a sharp turn for the worse as all hospitals, except for the underequipped Palestine Hospital, have shut their doors.

At the same time, a tough cordon has been imposed by the government forces and their war abettors for 1,384 consecutive days while water and power supplies to the camp have been cut off for 898 days in a row.

AGPS documented the death of 190 Palestinian residents of Yarmouk due to undernourishment and medical neglect.

In a related development, two Palestinian residents of Khan Dannun Camp, in Rif Dimashq, were left injured in a shooting attack near the Market Street following a scuffle between a pro-government gunman and civilians.



Tension flared up in the camp after youngsters Ahmad Halawa and Abu Ibrahim AlRahal were shot and lightly injured in their legs.

Khan Dannun residents have also spoken out against the uncontrolled flow of arms among the pro-government groups, resulting in an unabated security mayhem.

The situation has gone far worse in the camp due to the dramatic price leap, lack of health services, transportation crisis, and the frequent power and water blackouts lasting for over 16 hours a day.

In the meantime, newly-released Palestinian detainees told AGPS that they were kidnapped by the Syrian government forces for being relatives of wanted suspects. Others said they were kidnapped due to name resemblance.

The ex-detainees said they have been enduring harsh tactics of psycho-physical torture, including exhausting inter-prison transfers. Traces of heavy beating still figure on the body of a number of ex-detainees. A Palestinian refugee showed marks of torture in his hands after the Syrian regime troops handcuffed him with electricity hooks and aggressively beat him. However, it turned out later that he was the wrong person.

Dozens of Palestinian refugees have been arbitrarily kidnapped by the Syrian government battalions while several others were tortured to death in the regime penitentiaries.

AGPS kept record of the names of 1,184 Palestinian refugees held in Syrian government jails, most of whose fates have remained shrouded in mystery.



In another development, a joint report recently issued by AGPS and the Palestinian Return Center (PRC) under the title “Palestinians of Syria and the Closed Doors” for the second half of 2016 documented cases of success stories achieved by the Palestinians from Syria in Germany, Sweden, Belgium, Austria, and the Netherlands.



Such achievements included successful participations in and contributions to a set of exhibitions, rallies, sports activities, cultural workshops, and international competitions.

Palestinians from Syria have also been actively engaged in human rights campaigns and activities staged in the UK, Switzerland, and Sweden. One such outstanding contribution was made by AGPS Executive Director, Mr. Ahmed Hussein, also PRC delegate, at the 32nd and 33rd sessions of the UN Human Rights Council.

According to the findings of the report, over 85,000 Palestinians from Syria have sought shelter in Europe.

To download the Arabic version of the report please click here:

<http://www.actionpal.org.uk/ar/reports/special/closeddoors.pdf>



Palestinians of Syria: April 6, 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.*
- *Yarmouk refugee camp has been blockaded by the Syrian regime army and Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine - General Command (PFLP-GC) for 1,384 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 1,090 and 898 days.*
- *Residents of Handarat Camp, in Aleppo, denied access to their homes for 1,434 days. Government battalions have been holding sway over the camp for more than 168 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.*