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"1,400 Palestinian Residents of Yarmouk Camp Pronounced Dead in War-Torn Syria"

- UNRWA Hails Decision Green-Lighting Return of Yarmouk Residents
- Debris-Clearance under Full Swing in Yarmouk Camp
- Palestinian Refugee from Syria Appeals for Release from Thai Jail
- Palestinians from Syria Rally outside of UNRWA Office in Lebanon

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Latest Developments

AGPS kept record of the death of 1,400 Palestinians sheltered in Yarmouk Camp since the outburst of deadly hostilities in Syria.

490 refugees died as a result of the heavy shelling rocking the camp; 201 died due to the blockade and medical neglect; 231 others were fatally shot; and 167 refugees were gunned down by snipers.

The list also includes 184 Palestinians who died under torture in Syrian prisons; 21 who were extra-judicially executed, and 11 shot dead by Israeli snipers. 11 others were pronounced dead after they were kidnapped. 20 Palestinians from Yarmouk died, meanwhile, of unknown reasons.



Car blasts took away the lives of 16 Palestinians while 14 refugees were assassinated in the camp. Eight others drowned at sea and five persons breathed their last following health setbacks. The Europe-bound migration route claimed the lives of four Palestinians from Yarmouk.



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Two more refugees died in a building collapse while another was killed after he was squashed by starving crowds during aid distribution at Rama Square. One refugee suffocated to death. Two more were burned and another was killed with a white weapon. A Palestinian resident of Yarmouk was hit by a vehicle on his way to fetch drinking water.

Meanwhile, UNRWA spokesperson Chris Gunness hailed a recent decision by the Syrian Government to allow Yarmouk residents to safely return to their homes.

Gunness said the UNRWA welcomes the decision, which he said will bode well for the Palestinians.

UNRWA spokesman called on the international community to boost funds in order for the agency to be able to rehabilitate much-needed services, including health care and education, for Yarmouk returnees.

On November 6, Syria's deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates Faysal Miqdad said the government has officially signaled the go-ahead for the return of Palestinian refugees to Yarmouk Camp.

At the same time, the committee overseeing debris clearance in Yarmouk said efforts have been ongoing to clean out access roads and residential alleys.

Buildings that are on the verge of collapse have also been removed, said the committee, adding that the way has been paved for the next phase of the reconstruction project.



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The committee appealed to all political factions, NGOs, and activists to take part in the debris clearance endeavors in order to press ahead with practical steps to allow displaced residents to safely access their homes.



Sometime earlier, the committee said field surveys carried out in Yarmouk showed that 40% of local buildings are fit for human habitation. However, the remaining structures have sustained partial or total material damage.

In the meantime, Palestinian refugee from Syria Iyad Suleiman called on the international human rights institutions and NGOs to take urgent action so as to release him from a Thai jail, where he has been detained for nearly one year for overstaying his visa.

In appeals emailed to AGPS, Iyad said he had entered Thailand in 2013 in an attempt to meet with UN officials at the UNHCR and apply for asylum at a European country.

Iyad said he had remained out of sight after his touristic visa expired, pending his UNHCR-brokered transfer to a European



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destination. He was, however, arrested on November 9, 2017 for overstaying his visa and sent to a Thai prison.

Iyad said that after he had reached out to the UNHCR, the latter told him that there is nothing it can do to help him as the Thai government treats Palestinians as lawbreakers rather than asylum-seekers fleeing war-stricken zones.



Scores of Palestinian and Syrian migrants have been detained in Thailand after their visas had expired.

AGPS continues to call on all concerned bodies, Palestinian institutions, and the Thai authorities to release Iyad and all other Arab refugees held behind prison bars without further delay.

Along the same line, dozens of Palestinian refugees from Syria in Lebanon rallied outside of the office of UNRWA director in AlBadawi refugee camp, in Tripoli, protesting the delay in the delivery of winter aids and cut of vital services, most notably health care and education.



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The protest move was staged by the Follow-Up Committee of Displaced Palestinians. Representatives of Palestinian factions and NGOs, along with dozens of refugees, have been in attendance.

Some 31,000 Palestinians from Syria have sought refuge in Lebanon, where they have been enduring exacerbated living conditions and subjected to a precarious legal status.