



## التقرير اليومي الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية

Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria

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### *"2 Palestinians Killed, Another Wounded in Raging Syria Warfare"*



- **Palestinian Resident of Al-Neirab Camp Kidnapped by Gov't Troops**
- **Palestinian Refugee Mohamed Mahmoud Zaydan Locked Up in Gov't Penitentiary for 3rd Year Running**
- **UNRWA Receives Funds from Italy, Denmark to Address Needs of Palestinian Refugees**
- **Monthly Allowances Handed Over to Palestinian Orphans from Syria in Southern Turkey**

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### *Latest Developments*

*Two Palestinian refugees were pronounced dead and another sustained wounds as they took part in bloody hostilities in war-tattered Syria.*

*AGPS on-the-spot reporter identified the casualties as: Resident of Jaramana Camp Zuheir Ali Shahada, who died as he fought with a pro-government militia in Damascus Suburbs; Member of the pro-Government Liwa Al-Quds Brigade Alaa Assaad was killed in an ISIS attack on Aleppo's rural area of Khanasser, in northern Syria.*

*AGPS new correspondent said other unidentified fighters from Liwa al-Quds died in the attack.*



*Palestinian refugee Shadi Maw'ed, affiliated with the pro-regime Filastin al-Hurra (Free Palestine) Movement died following clashes between government troops and ISIS militias at al-Shuhadaa crossroads in the blockaded Yarmouk Camp.*

*AGPS documented the death of 3,435 Palestinian refugees due to war-related incidents in Syria.*



*Local activists spoke out against the forcible recruitment of Palestinian refugees into armed pro-government militias in the embattled Syrian territories, turning the dire living conditions and lack of financial resources in Palestinian refugee camps into bargaining chips to that very end.*

*Meanwhile, Palestinian resident of the Aleppo-based Al-Neirab Camp, Mohamed Ahmad Zahrawi, born in 1980, was kidnapped by the government troops on February 6, 2017, on his way back to Al-Neirab shelter from Latakia city, where he works as an Arabic instructor, to bid goodbye to his family members, who were heading to Germany.*

*Up to the moment of writing, Zahrawi's fate remains cloaked in undecipherable secrecy.*

*Zahrawi's abduction brings the number of Palestinians incarcerated in Syrian government bastilles to 1,161, as recorded by AGPS documentation team.*







*Palestinian refugee Mohamed Mahmoud Zaydan has also been behind government bars since January 2013.*

*Zaydan was kidnapped at the government-led Al-Jisr checkpoint on his way out of Yarmouk Camp, in southern Damascus, to fetch food and medicines for his elderly parents.*

*The detainees' families appealed to the U.N., among all other concerned human rights bodies, to step up pressure on the Syrian government so as to unearth the fate of the detainees and restore their freedom.*

*Over recent days, tension has reached a point of no return after a well-documented report titled "Human Slaughterhouse: Mass Hangings and Extermination at Saydnaya Prison, Syria" was released for publication by Amnesty International. The report documented cases of extrajudicial and mass-execution of 13,000 detainees, mostly anti-regime civilians.*

*In another development, the Government of Italy, through the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS), has contributed EUR 2.25 million to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) in support of the Agency's emergency operations in response to the ongoing Syria crisis.*

*According to UNRWA, the latest contribution from Italy will go towards addressing the needs of Palestinian refugees who have been affected by the conflict. Of the total contribution, EUR 1.5 million will ensure the continued delivery of critical education and health-care services to some 56,300 Palestinian refugees in Jordan and Lebanon, the majority of whom are Palestinian refugees from Syria.*



*The remaining EUR 750,000 will provide food assistance for more than 45,000 Palestinian refugees in Syria and support education services for roughly 25,000 Palestinian refugee school children enrolled at 101 UNRWA-run schools still operating in the country.*

*“We are truly grateful to the government and people of Italy for this generous contribution, which will have a significant impact on Palestine refugees whose lives have been heavily affected by the ongoing conflict,” said John Griffith, Officer-in-Charge of UNRWA Affairs in Syria. “With this tragic crisis approaching its seventh year, we continue to rely on the support of our donors and partners to answer the critical needs of Palestine refugees in Syria and throughout the region.”*

*Denmark has also contributed DKK 25 million (approximately US\$ 3.6 million) to UNRWA in support of the Agency’s core programs and services in Lebanon.*

*This contribution will help ensure that it can continue to provide basic services in education, health, relief and social services, and camp improvement to Palestinian refugees, providing opportunities for their futures and mitigating the incidence and impact of poverty, a statement by UNRWA read.*

*“I am happy that Denmark has been able to make an extra contribution to UNRWA’s important work of trying to make life more tolerable for Palestine refugees,” said Ulla Tørnæs, the Danish Minister for Development Cooperation. “UNRWA’s work in Lebanon assisting Palestine refugees is crucial, both from a humanitarian perspective and*



*for regional stability. Many of the refugees have fled from the hostilities in Syria and are refugees for a second time.”*

*During 2016, the conflict in Syria continued with intensity and unpredictability, resulting in further loss of civilian life and material destruction. Of the estimated 450,000 Palestinian refugees who remain inside Syria, over 95 per cent (430,000) are in urgent need of humanitarian assistance to survive, UNRWA warned.*

*The agency added that over 120,000 Palestinian refugees from Syria (PRS) have fled the country, including around 31,000 to Lebanon and 16,000 to Jordan.*

*Many refugees in Lebanon and Jordan have also been pushed into a precarious and marginalized existence due to their uncertain legal status and face limited social protection, making them heavily reliant on UNRWA for their basic needs, the statement proceeded.*

### ***Civil Action Commissions***

*The Road to Life Charity distributed monthly allowances for Palestinian orphans from Syria in the southern Turkish areas of Rihaniya, Mersin, Gaziantep, Antakya, Adana, Kilis, Urfa, and Nizip.*

*The move makes part of underway endeavors to take the edge off the calamitous state of affairs endured by hundreds of Palestinian refugees from Syria in Turkey.*

*According to unofficial data, some 8,000 Palestinians from Syria have sought refuge in Turkey.*



***Palestinians of Syria: February 9, 2017 Statistics:***

- *At least 3,435 Palestinians, including 455 women, were killed in war-torn Syria.*
- *1,160 Palestinian refugees, including 83 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 1,330 days in a row.*
- *190 Palestinians died of undernourishment and medical neglect in the blockaded Yarmouk Camp.*
- *Water supplies cut off in Deraa and Yarmouk camps respectively for 1,034 and 841 days.*
- *Residents of Handarat Camp, in Aleppo, denied access to their homes for 1,378 days. Government battalions have been holding sway over the camp for more than 113 days.*
- *Government troops ban residents of Al-Sbiena Camp from returning to their homes for 1,183 days running.*
- *Over 79,000 Palestinian Syrian refugees fled to Europe until mid 2016.*
- *31,000 Palestinians from Syria are housed in Lebanon.*
- *17 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.*