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"Situation of Palestinians of Syria Goes Downhill as Heat Wave Grips Middle East"



- **AGPS Sounds Alarm over Loss of Access to Education in Daraa Camp for Palestinian Refugees South of Syria**
- **Palestinian Refugee Abdul Qader Ibrahim Arrested by Syrian Gov't Troops**
- **85% of Pro-Gov't Liwaa AlQuds Fighters Identified as Non-Palestinians**

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Latest Developments

Palestinian refugees and Syrians have been battling with a searing summer weather. Those taking shelter in animal farms and in makeshift tents along the Jordanian-Syrian borders have been struggling for survival as an abrupt temperature hike rocked the area.

At the same time, several blackouts and cases of diarrhea have been reported in AlQuneitra due to the abrupt temperature surge.



Speaking with AGPS, activists from AlRukban Camp said the recent heat wave claimed the lives of two children. Nearly 100 residents, among them children, have also received urgent treatment.

Displaced Palestinians and Syrian alike continue to call for mercy from a hotter-than-normal air mass that has remained nearly stationary over the MENA region for weeks, stretching the capacity of electricity networks beyond limits.

Residents of Daraa Camp, home to hundreds of Palestinian families, have also launched cries for help after the water-feeding lake has dried out as



a result of the uncontrolled excavation of artesian water wells. Underfunded relief endeavors have failed to cope with the heat as demand for water far exceeds the capacity to supply it.

Several Palestinian families in Daraa province who have sought shelter in dairy farms and sheep ranches, after their homes have gone ravaged in the unabated warfare, launched cries for help over their dire living conditions.

Having no place to run to or shelter to hide into, dozens of Palestinian refugees, who have been wondering down and out in streets, have turned to the uninhabitable Syrian-Libyan cattle farm as they hunted for a safer refuge for their traumatized children. Those taking refuge in the farm called on the UNRWA and all other concerned bodies to urgently step in and immediately work out the crisis.

Located in Gileen town, lying some 25 km away from western Daraa, the Syrian-Libyan dairy farm has been rocked by chronic power and water blackouts along with the propagation of lethal infections.

Meanwhile, AGPS kept record of a sharp nosedive in access to education for Palestinians sheltered in Daraa refugee camp.

Most of UNRWA's schools have been destroyed or put out of operation in the raging warfare. Other education facilities have been turned into prisons or field hospitals, imperiling Palestinians' academic careers.

Some of those who have been stranded in Daraa have moved to the home of a so-called Abdullah AlYoussef to attend courses delivered by local instructors appointed by UNRWA.



A number of armed militias in the area have also imposed curricula based on extremist doctrines and overseen by fanatic tutors.

AGPS continues to appeal to the Palestine Liberation Organization and UNRWA, among all concerned international institutions, to urgently step in and work on reconstructing destroyed schools, providing civilians with the needed psycho-physical protection, and boosting children's access to education in Daraa.



Upon more than one occasion, UNRWA has raised alarm bells over the striking upsurge in the rate of school dropouts among the Palestinians of Syria, several among whom left schools to help feeding their impoverished families in unemployment-stricken refugee camps.

According to data by the Syrian Network for Human Rights, all schools in Daraa Camp have been completely destroyed while dozens of Palestinian teaching staff members have been arrested in Syria.

Other reports estimated that 70% of Daraa Camp buildings have been reduced to rubble in the unabated warfare.



In another development, Palestinian refugee Abdul Qader Ali Ibrahim was kidnapped by the Syrian regime forces from his home in Khan AlSheih's eastern neighborhood.

At least 235 Palestinians from Khan AlSheih Camp have been enduring mysterious fates, among 1,626 Palestinians held in Syrian government jails.

Meanwhile, Liwaa AlQuds battalion, founded by Mohamed Sa'id, has been luring Palestinian youth into military conscription.

Around 500 fighters, out of a total of 3,500 fighters enlisted at the non-Palestinian Liwa AlQuds brigade, have been identified as Palestinians who previously sought refuge in such shelter as AlNeirab, Handarat, and AlRaml. Fighters from Aleppo city and its northern and western suburbs along with so-called Shabah AlAswad combatants have also been fighting alongside the Aleppo-based battalion.



The battalion took part in the excavation of ditch around AlNeirab Airport to prevent any infiltration by the opposition outfits into the area.



Activists have leveled heavy criticism at Liwaa AlQuds over its arbitrary abduction sweeps, blackmailing, and furniture theft in such evacuated neighborhoods as Jam 'yet Azahra and AlRashideen AlShemali.

A number of Palestinian young men were kidnapped by the battalion from AlNeirab Camp on claims of assisting anti-government groups. Government prisons were also opened in the area to crack down on opposition affiliates.

Palestinians of Syria: August 12, 2017 Statistics:

- *At least 3,555 Palestinians, including 462 women, were killed in war-torn Syria.*
- *1,626 Palestinian refugees, including 103 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 1,478 days in a row.*
- *196 Palestinians died of undernourishment and medical neglect in the blockaded Yarmouk Camp.*
- *Water supplies cut off in Deraa and Yarmouk camps respectively for 1,217 and 1,066 days.*
- *Residents of Handarat Camp, in Aleppo, denied access to their homes for 1,560 days. Government battalions have been holding sway over the camp for more than 313 days.*
- *Nearly 85,000 Palestinian refugees from Syria fled to Europe until the end of 2016.*

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- *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.*