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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"AGPS Issues 2018 Annual Report about Situation of Palestinians of Syria"

- **Palestinian Activists Push for Return of Yarmouk Families to Their Homes**
- **Efforts Ongoing to Reconstruct Yarmouk School**
- **Food Assistance Handed Over to Palestinian Families in Damascus**

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Latest Developments

The Action Group for Palestinians of Syria, in partnership with the Palestinian Return Centre and Middle East Monitor, issued the English version of the annual report documenting the situation of Palestinian refugees in/from Syria in 2018.

Entitled “Palestinians of Syria: The Story of Unending Suffering”, the report underscores the calamitous situation of Palestinian refugees in and outside the war-ravaged country due to war-related incidents from March 2011 to the end of December 2018.

The 270-page report provides fact-based data and statistics about the number of victims and detainees among the Palestinians of Syria.



As figures in the report, though the number of victims and detainees relatively shrunk back compared to previous years, dozens of Palestinian refugees were pronounced dead in 2018.

Citing AGPS data, the report said that as many as 3,911 Palestinian refugees from Syria died of war-related incidents since the outbreak



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of the bloody conflict in March 2011 until the end of 2018. 1,714 were detained during the same period. In 2018 alone, the warfare took away the lives of 276 Palestinian refugees and led to the incarceration of 16 others.

The report also underscores the crises endured by the Palestinian community in refugee camps across and outside of the Syrian territories.

At the same time, the study provides a detailed account of the violations perpetrated against the Palestinians of Syria in their quest to seek asylum and on their way to Europe.

The data has been compiled by a team of field reporters, news correspondents, journalists, photographers and researchers.

Six such documentary reports were issued by AGPS to underline the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria in 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017. Hundreds of reports have also been released by the group on a daily basis in an attempt to draw the international community's attention to the abject state of affairs endured by PRS.

AGPS is a London-based human rights watchdog that monitors the situation of Palestinian refugees in war-torn Syria. In seeking to fulfill this goal, AGPS team does its best to uphold the finest standards of historiographic ethics and maintain honesty in sourcing. To that very end, live snapshots, footages, and sworn affidavits are taken directly from the fighting scene across a myriad of flashpoints so as to authenticate AGPS role as a human rights overseer.



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In another development, Palestinian activists have urged the Syrian authorities, Palestinian Authority, and UNRWA to seriously work on facilitating the access of families who have been displaced from Yarmouk Camp to their homes.

The activists quoted displaced families as appealing to all concerned parties to work on securing their safe return to their homes in order to retrieve their properties and belongings.

The cash-stripped families slammed the silence maintained by Palestinian political factions in Syria and the General Authority for Palestinian Arab Refugees, saying several families them have been left without roofs over their heads due to the steep rental fees imposed by house owners outside of the camp.

Scores of Palestinian refugee families fled Yarmouk following the 33-day military operation launched by the government forces on April 19. The Syrian government forces regained control over Yarmouk Camp and southern Damascus towns following the military operation. Dozens of civilians were killed and dozens more injured in the offensive. Over 80% of buildings in Yarmouk have gone either totally or partially destroyed in the warfare.

A few months earlier, the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) published the results of an assessment of the damage to Syrian cities caused by seven years of relentless bombardment by the incumbent regime and its allies since 2011.

The analysis found out that as many as 5,489 buildings were destroyed in Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian refugees. The damage



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atlas used satellite-detected damage analysis to identify buildings that are either destroyed, or severely or moderately damaged.

Along similar lines, Education chief in Yarmouk Camp, Walid AlKurdi, said local workers and volunteers have cleaned up the classrooms and corridors of the UNRWA-run AlTabgha School in an attempt to resume classes sometime soon.



Sometime earlier, UNRWA appointed a committee to assess the damage inflicted on AlTabgha School, following calls launched by civilians to enhance education services in the area.

Meanwhile, the Charity Commission for Relief of Palestinian People distributed meat portions to registered Palestinian families in Damascus and its suburbs.

Priority was given to vulnerable families with members with special needs or ill people.

Palestinian refugees in Syria continue to face dire living conditions, after more than nine years of deadly warfare.

According to UN data, over 90 per cent of Palestine refugee households in Syria live in poverty and 40 per cent remain in



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protracted displacement as a result of conflict and the damage and destruction of their homes.

