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### *"Air Raids Rock Khan Al-Sheih's Eastern Neighborhood in Damascus Suburbs"*



- **UNRWA condemns killing of its staff member in Syrian regime onslaught on Khan Al-Sheih**
- **Violent clashes burst out between ISIS and Fatah Al-Sham battalions in Yarmouk Camp**
- **Residents of Al-Sbiena Camp denied access to their homes via government checkpoints for 1,100 days running**

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### *Latest Developments*

*The Syrian and Russian fighter aircrafts at dawn Wednesday struck the eastern neighborhood of Khan Al-Sheih Camp for Palestinian refugees, in Western Damascus outskirts, with vacuum missiles, resulting in remarkable material damage.*

*Over recent weeks, Khan Al-Sheih Camp and its adjacent ranches have been subjected to heavy blitzing by the Russian warplanes using phosphorus incendiary grenades and cluster bombs. Offensives on local schools, mosques, and on the Al-Alsalam Hospital took away the lives of several civilians, including women and children, and wreaked havoc on civilian homes.*



*AGPS reporter has also sounded alarm bells over the tragic humanitarian situation in the camp after refugees had run out of food, bread, and water due to the tough blockade imposed by the regime militias for 48 days running, despite the disarmed nature of the camp.*

*In another development, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) strongly condemned the killing of one of its*



*staff members, Mr. Husein Ali Muhsen, 52, and his uncle, Ahmad Mahmud Muhsen, 77, in Syria on Sunday, 13 November 2016.*

*UNRWA reports indicate that Mr. Muhsen and his uncle were killed by an airstrike that hit a mosque during morning prayers in the Palestine refugee camp of Khan Al-Sheih in the southwest of rural Damascus. At least 12 people were injured in the incident.*

*“Mr. Muhsen served UNRWA with distinction for 24 years,” a statement by UNRWA read. “He worked both as a Distribution Team Leader with the Procurement and Logistics department and most recently as a Clerk at the UNRWA health center in the camp. He is the twentieth UNRWA staff member killed since the beginning of the conflict in Syria and is survived by his wife and six children. The thoughts and condolences of all UNRWA staff go out to his bereaved family.”*

*UNRWA added that it is appalled by the continued killing and injuring of civilians in Syria, including Palestine refugees, and called on all those involved in the hostilities to scrupulously abide by their obligations under international law with regard to the conduct of hostilities and the protection of civilians.*

*UNRWA Commissioner-General Pierre Krähenbühl also raised concerns that Khan Al-Sheih Camp “may become the next Yarmouk.”*

*Addressing the host governments and donor states’ representatives assembled for the second bi-annual UNRWA Advisory Commission meeting for 2016 held in Amman, Pierre Krähenbühl said Palestinian camps in Syria have sustained severe damage and that Palestine refugees struggle to survive in the ruins of Aleppo and Deraa.*



*Meanwhile, violent clashes flared up on Monday between ISIS militias and Fatah Al-Sham battalions (formerly known as Al-Nusra Front) in Haifa bypass road in Yarmouk Camp, to the south of Damascus. Civilian homes were set on fire in the process.*

*At the same time, the Syrian government forces and their Palestinian partners struck the Yarmouk Camp with mortar shells overnight.*





*Reports have also emerged on the heavy deployment of government battalions at the main entrance to Yarmouk, setting the stage for an offensive from Al-Rija Square and Yarmouk Municipality.*

*In the meantime, the Syrian regime army and its Palestinian abettors have been blocking the access of the residents of Sbienna Camp into their homes for 1,100 consecutive days.*

*Sbienna residents had been forced out of their homes due to the deadly hostilities between the Syrian army and opposition outfits. The regime troops have grabbed hold of the entire camp.*

*According to eye-witnesses, 80% of civilian buildings and facilities in the camp have been knocked down, most precisely in the area extending from Muadh Ibn Jabal Mosque down to the so-called Kurds Oven area, in the western entrance to the camp. Dire-socio economic conditions have made life unbearable for the homeless refugees.*

### ***Palestinians of Syria: November 16, 2016 Statistics:***

- *There are 15,500 Palestinian-Syrian refugees in Jordan.*
- *42,500 Palestinian-Syrian refugees are in Lebanon.*
- *6,000 Palestinian-Syrian refugees are sheltered in Egypt, according to UNRWA figures covering the period from July 2015 backwards.*
- *8,000 Palestinian-Syrian refugees are taking shelter in Turkey.*
- *1,000 Palestinian-Syrian refugees reside in the blockaded Gaza Strip.*
- *Over 79,000 Palestinian Syrian refugees fled to Europe until mid 2016.*



- *Yarmouk refugee camp has been blockaded by the Syrian regime army and Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine - General Command (PFLP-GC) for 1,247 days in a row. Electricity and water supplies have been cut off, respectively, for 1,306 days and 767 days. The number of those killed due to the blockade has hit 190.*
- *Sbiena refugee camp: Refugees could not go back to their homes as a result of the blockade slapped by the Syrian regime forces since 1,100 days running.*
- *Handarat refugee camp: All refugees left the camp since 1,292 days after opposition outfits grabbed hold of the area.*
- *Deraa refugee camp: Water has been cut off for 950 consecutive days while 70% of its buildings have been knocked down.*
- *Homs camp, Hama camp, Jaramana camp, al-Sayda Zeinab camp, Al-Raml camp: A of State of relative calm has been reported in the abovementioned areas. However, economic crises have been on the rise.*
- *Khan al-Sheih refugee camp: All access roads out of and into the camp have been closed off by the Syrian regime army for 48 days running.*