



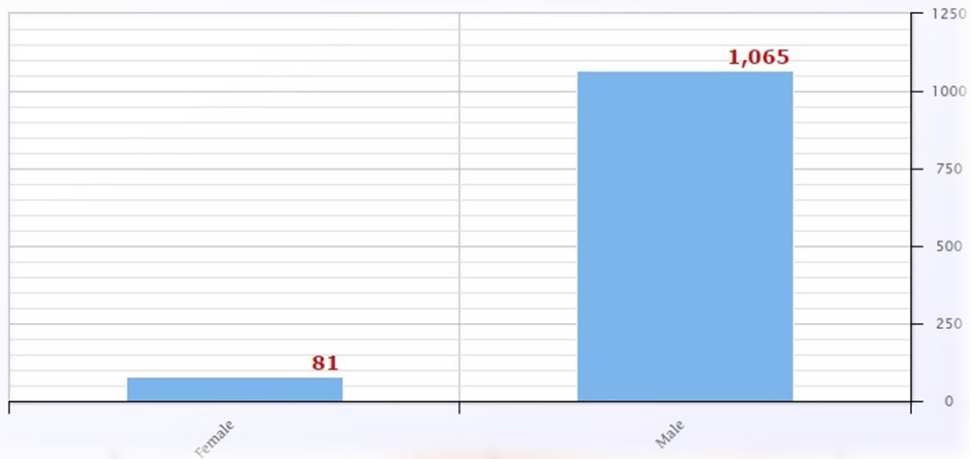
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"1,146 Palestinian Refugees Subjected to Forced Disappearance in Syrian Gov't Lock-ups"



- Residents of western Yarmouk Camp call for safe return to their homes, ISIS and Syrian gov't troops tighten grip
- Regime army shuts down PFLP-GC office in Khan Al-Sheih Camp
- Syria-based UNRWA hands out 2017 cash aids to Palestinian refugees
- Palestinian refugee Hani Abbas holds art exhibition in Germany

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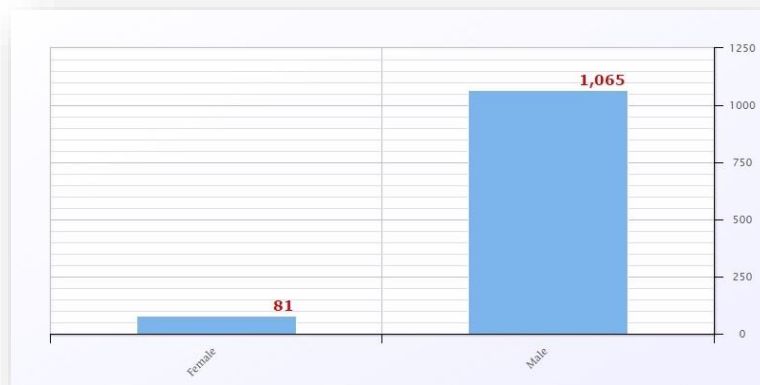
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Latest Developments

1,146 Palestinian refugees in Syria, including 81 female refugees, have been subjected to enforced disappearance in the Syrian government penitentiaries since the outbreak of the deadly warfare.

AGPS documented the death of 458 Palestinian refugees under torture in the government-run penal complexes across war-torn Syria.



AGPS has frequently raised alarm bells over the mysterious fate of Palestinians incarcerated in Syrian regime lock-ups. However, most of the group's appeals for revealing the names and conditions of the detainees have gone unheeded.

In another development, residents of the Fatah-Al-Sham-run western corners of Yarmouk Camp have announced, in letters sent to ISIS militias, their firm rebuff of any attempts to force them out of their homes, no matter the pretext.

The residents of western Yarmouk further expressed concerns over the aggravated burglary and housebreaks targeting their own and only



homes, reiterating their commitment to a nonaligned status and to neutrality as regards all warring actors.

Meanwhile, ISIS militias have tightened noose around the neck of civilians stranded in areas controlled by Fatah Al-Sham battalions, blocking civilians' and goods' entry into/exit from the area under the security pretext.



On January 8, 2016, ISIS mobs ordered civilians in Fatah Al-Sham-led areas in Yarmouk to retreat to ISIS-run territories in the shelter within 72 hours.

Reporting from western Rural Damascus, AGPS news correspondent said Military Branch 220 closed an unlicensed office run by the pro-government Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command (PFLP-GC) in Khan Al-Sheih Camp for Palestinian refugees.

The office was reportedly started up shortly after the regime troops and its PFLP-GC abettors grabbed hold of the camp, following a reconciliation accord struck with the anti-government outfits in early December 2016.



Residents of Khan Al-Sheih Camp have been grappling with abject living conditions due to the high unemployment rates, price hike, and tough cordon imposed by the Syrian government squads.

In the meantime, as of January 15, 2017, UNRWA started the distribution of the 2017 cash allowances to the Palestinians of Syria. The distribution process is to be wrapped up on March 16, 2017.

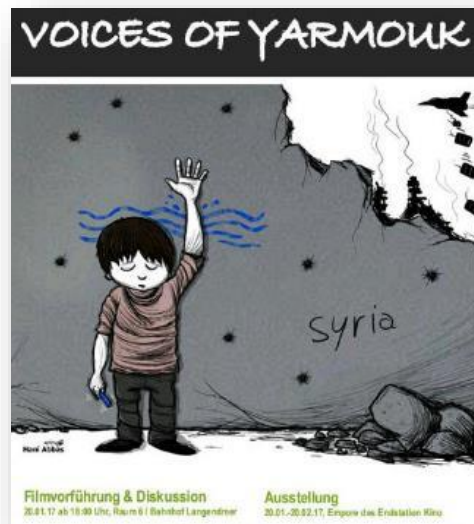
A few weeks earlier, UNRWA said on Facebook that it will hand over 49,5000 Syrian Liras per every single family member for ordinary cases. Those taking refuge in UNRWA shelters and registered with the agency will receive a sum of 25,000 Syrian Liras per every refugee.

At the same time, an art exhibition was staged by the Bochum Medical Assistance for Refugees association in Germany.

The exhibition put on display caricatures drawn by the Palestinian refugee Hani Abbas, a former resident of Yarmouk.

The exhibited cartoons shed light on the Syrian warfare and poke fun at the European refugee regulations and policies.

A short footage displaying life in Yarmouk Camp and produced in partnership with the Palestinian Creativity Assembly-Reaction also featured in the event.





Palestinian refugee Abbas won several national and international awards. He has also earned a renowned reputation as a jury in several Arab and international caricature festivals.

Palestinians of Syria: January 17, 2017 Statistics:

- *At least 3,420 Palestinians, including 455 women, were killed in war-torn Syria.*
- *1,146 Palestinian refugees, including 81 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 1,308 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 1,012 and 826 days.*
- *Residents of Handarat Camp, in Aleppo, denied access to their homes for 1,355 days. Government battalions have been holding sway over the camp for more than 89 days.*
- *Government troops ban residents of Al-Sbiena Camp from returning to their homes for 1,161 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.*

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- *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.*