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“Violent Clashes Suspend Aids Distribution at the Yarmouk Camp”



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- UNRWA Determines to Distribute Financial Aids to the Palestinians of Syria Refugees.
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- Capturing a Ship Carries Palestinian and Syrian Immigrants off Mersin Shores in Turkey.
- Solidarity Sit-in by the Palestinians of Netherlands to End the Siege of Yarmouk and Gaza.
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Recent Updates

Violent clashes broke out in the conflict areas at the Yarmouk refugee camp in Damascus between the Syrian regular army alongside with the Palestinian groups and the armed opposition.

The clashes came after repeating the clashes scenario during aids distribution to the residents of the besieged Yarmouk camp, and after the continuation of sniping, while the relief cars were exposed to gun shots, with no injuries, the thing that led to the suspension of what was planned to be distributed.

It is mentioned that the entry of urgent food and medical aids were completely suspended for about 6 weeks, which exacerbated the living and health crises, resulting in the death of 160 refugees.

In Al Sayeda Zainab camp at Damascus suburb, which is controlled by the Syrian regular army and the civic committees, the residents are suffering of severe living crises, especially after the security tightening at the checkpoints.



Al Sayeda Zainab camp

One of the residents describes the checkpoints favoritism and checking saying, "bread can be provided for a family rather than others by favoritism." The residents also complain of the scarcity of fuel and using the firewood instead, in addition to the high prices of materials in general and the fuel in particular.



Moreover, the camp receives hundreds of displaced families from the other camps, as in the past few years, many families from Yarmouk and Husseneia camps have moved to Al Sayeda Zainab camp, which increased the population, as well as the house rents has been raised.

These crises increased the exhausting costs of the Palestinian family, within the weakness of potentials and financial resources, as well as the spread of unemployment, prompting some of them to travel out or work within the popular pro-Syrian army committee. It is mentioned that at the beginning of 2013 the armed opposition groups entered the camp, and after violent clashes and shelling for 7 months, the Syrian army has entered the camp, and the pro-Syrian army Palestinian popular Committees took over the task of protecting the camp.

Those battles have negative impacts on the camp and its residents, since a huge part of the camp was demolished, and a large number of its residents died, the reports estimated them of 100 victims and 200 injuries; such as amputation and permanent impairments, while the AGPS also documented the names of 32 detainees by the Syrian security forces.

In Khan Al Sheih camp, the Syrian regular army detained a number of young men and anticipates the transportations coming out of the camp, after Tayyar checkpoint of the SRA stopped Khan Al Sheih bus near the camp. The SRA detained the young men, who were on this bus, while there were earning of detaining youth and leading them to unknown destinations.

Meanwhile, all roads that lead to the camp are still closed except for Zakia- Khan Al Sheih, which is considered the vital road for the residents, and it is always being targeted by the SRA with shelling or sniping.

It is mentioned that the AGPS documented the names of 44 detainees from Khan Al Sheih camp, and 15 victims died due to torture in the Syrian prisons.

On the other hand, the UNRWA announced its intension to start the first session financial aids distribution to the Palestinian Syrians for 2015, starting from Sunday 18th of January 2015 to 15th of March 2015.



The UNRWA demanded the Palestinian refugees to login at its website for more information about the place and the date of receiving aids for each family.

Most of the refugees in Syria have lost their jobs due to the ongoing war in Syria, making them rely on the relief aids provided by relief institutions and organizations.

The responsible of Palestinians of Syria committee in Lebanon, Tire City, said that the Palestinian Syrian refugees' houses has damaged due to the snowstorm that affected the area before days, the damages was ranging between walls and water leaking inside the houses.

He also added that, during inspection visits, carried out by the committee, to Al Burj Al Shamali and Al Rashideya camps, and Al Qasimeya compound, the committee figured out that a lot of houses have been damaged varyingly due to the storm "Zaina", as he pointed out that the Committee provided some emergency aids for a number of families.



Houses damaged due to the snowstorm

In Turkey, the Turkish Coast Guard Command in southern Turkey captured fishing vessel off the Mediterranean Sea coast opposite the city of Mersin, carrying 140 illegal Syrian and Palestinian immigrants, including 30 children, while trying to go to Italy.

Meanwhile, Anatolia Agency said that, the ship, which has a length of 10 meters, has been captured at 5 nautical miles, after the Turkish gendarmerie received a notification. The agency reported that the



immigrants has been transferred to Mersin Security Directorate after medical tests, as the ship's captain (H.k) was transferred to investigation.



In a different context, in Netherlands, dozens of Palestinians and those who are in solidarity with them participated in a solidarity vigil, called for by the Palestinian house in the Netherlands, where the vigil was carried out in a square in the Dutch city of Rotterdam, as protesters demanded the immediate ending of the siege imposed on the Yarmouk refugee camp and the Gaza Strip.

Civil Work Committees

The Abroad Palestine Scholars Committee distributed aids to the besieged Yarmouk residents, after launching " Relief Our People" campaign for collecting urgent in kind and financial aids to relief the affected refugees in Syria and Gaza.





This comes within the project of " Winter Warming ", as 300 families benefited from the blankets and firewood that were distributed in the besieged camp, while food aids were preparing to be entered after the failure of several attempts due to the clashes between the armed opposition and the Syrian regular army alongside with the Palestinian groups, and after the residents accused the Syrian army, the GC groups, and Fatah of causing these clashes.

The Palestinian Camps in Syria, Numbers and Statistics till 17/1/2015

- *At least 27933 Palestinian Syrian refugees have reached Europe during the last 4 years.*
- *2605 Palestinian refugees were documented by the AGPS including 157 women, 286 were killed due to torture, 267 were killed by sniper shot, 84 refugees were field executed, and 986 refugees were killed due to bombing.*
- ***The Yarmouk Camp:** - Siege, imposed by the Regular Army and PFGC, continued for 561 days respectively. In addition, power cuts continued for more than 641 days, water was cut for 131 days respectively. The number of victims due to the siege has reached 160 victims.*
- *80,000 Palestinian Syrian refugees escaped from Syria to the neighboring towns, including 14348 refugees in Jordan, 42,000 in Lebanon, according to UNRWA statistics till November 2014.*
- ***Al Husayneyya Camp:** - Regular Army is still preventing the residents of the camp to return back to their houses for 463 days respectively.*
- ***Al Sbeina Camp:** - Regular Army is still preventing the residents of the camp to return back to their houses for 432 days respectively.*
- ***Handarat Camp:** - Residents have left the camp for 634 days after the Syrian Opposition Groups controlled it.*
- ***Dara'a Camp:** - It is now almost 278 days without water and 70% of its buildings were demolished.*
- ***Jermana, AL Saieda ZAINAB, Al Raml, Al Aedein Camps in Homs and Hamma:** - A relatively quiet situation in light of the economic crises.*
- ***Khan Al Sheih Camp:** - Roads linking the camp to the city center are still closed except for Zakia- Khan Al Sheih road.*