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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



### "Heavy Shelling Rocks Civilian Homes in Idlib"

- Daraa Camp for Palestinian Refugees Grappling with Drinking-Water Scarcity
- Palestinian Doctor Nizar Kassab Forcibly Disappeared in Syria
- 28 Palestinians Killed in Pro-Gov't Battles in Syria

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## Latest Developments

Three Palestinian families survived air raids launched by the Syrian government forces on Friday on AlKousour neighborhood, in Idlib, north of Syria.

Speaking with AGPS, survivor Mohamed Udai said that at 09:00 a.m. four missiles hit his home and the adjacent building while he was about to go to work. His expectant wife was sleeping. The building started to collapse, and the “traumatized” wife was thrown several meters away from her bed.

“I did not believe for a while that we would survive”, said the husband, adding that two Palestinian families, including an elderly man and his wife, lost all of their belongings and furniture.



According to the Commission of Palestinians of Syria for Relief and Development, some 225 families displaced from Yarmouk and southern Damascus last year have been taking refuge in Idlib province.

Palestinian families sheltered in Idlib continue to sound distress signals over the dire humanitarian situation they have been enduring owing to the acute dearth in financial resources, relief aids, and vital services.



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Over recent months, air raids have been carried out by the Syrian and Russian forces on a quasi-daily basis on the area, leaving dozens of civilians dead or wounded.

Along the same line, residents of Daraa Camp for Palestinian refugees, south of Syria, said drinking water in the area has been contaminated by sewage, causing it to become foul and salty.

The residents attributed the crisis to the poor sewerage and unrepaired water network damaged by the shelling rocking the camp over recent years.

The residents said the poor sanitation networks and improper sewage disposal, which they attributed to the frequent blackouts and maintenance works in the area, have brought about an acute damage on their health and property.



The displaced families warned of the life-threatening diseases wrought by poisonous rodents and unpleasant smells stemming from contaminated sewage, saying wastewater continues to flow into their refugee camp around the clock.





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The families continue to urge the local authorities and relief institutions, namely UNRWA, to make urgent steps in order to rinse out wastewater and enhance hygiene in the area.

In another development, Palestinian refugee Nizar Jawdat Kassab has been secretly jailed in Syria for the seventh year running.

Nizar, a genitourinary surgeon, was arrested at a government checkpoint pitched near Yarmouk's entrance on December 16, 2012.

Palestinian medics and relief activists have been permanently targeted by the Syrian government forces on claims of assisting opposition affiliates. Several relief workers and volunteers died under torture in government lock-ups.

Medical staff and structures in besieged Yarmouk Camp came under heavy shelling by the government squads. Dozens of doctors, pharmacists, and paramedics have been pronounced dead in the raging warfare and dozens more have been forcibly disappeared in the country.

Meanwhile, 28 Palestinian refugees died as they fought alongside popular committees affiliated with the government forces. Most of the casualties are residents of Yarmouk Camp in Damascus and Handarat and AlNeirab refugee camps, in Aleppo.

Shortly after the outburst of the deadly warfare, the Syrian government forced Palestinian refugees aged 18 and above to join affiliated militias for periods of at least one year and a half.



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Those who refuse conscription are subjected to crackdowns, abductions and even executions. As a result, thousands fled the tension-stricken country in the hunt for a safer shelter.

AGPS has documented the death of over 3,900 Palestinian refugees in Syria, including women and children, since 2011, as a result of war-related incidents.

Scores of Palestinian refugees have also been left wounded, including dozens who have undergone limb amputation or eye loss.

