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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria

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"Situation of Palestinians of Syria in Damascus Goes Downhill Due to Acute Water Dearth"



- AGPS reiterates calls to Palestinian families in Syria to register names of missing, detained relatives on group's website
- Blockade takes away lives of 190 Palestinian refugees

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Latest Developments

Thousands of Palestinian refugees have been grappling with abject living conditions in Damascus and its environs due to the chronic water blackout rocking the region.

Reporting from Damascus, AGPS news correspondent said water supplies to the area have been cut off for over 20 days running after the Barada and Ain al-Fija springs, which serve millions of civilians in an around Damascus, stopped to function.



Speaking with AGPS, Palestinian refugees sheltered in Damascus said they have been made to walk for over half an hour every day to reach the nearest mosque or water distribution center, where they often line up for long hours to fill their bowls and bottles with water.

According to local activists, frequent water cuts have given birth to a black market from which owners of water tanks have drawn financial benefits at the expense of the impoverished civilians.



The activists added that civilians have been purchasing water from local markets at up to 150 Syrian Liras per liter.

In a statement issued on December 29, the United Nations expressed concerns that the lack of water could lead to waterborne diseases, particularly among children, and to another financial strain on the families' shoulders.

UNICEF has also raised alarm bells over the serious upshots of the water crisis on millions of children in Syria, who have been at high risk of disease due to contaminated tank water.

As the Syria crisis enters its sixth year, Palestinian refugees continue to bear the brunt of a conflict marked by unparalleled suffering, displacement, shelling, and disregard for human life. The swift hike in prices and rental fees, along with the lack of humanitarian assistance, has made the situation unbearable for Palestinian refugees.

Meanwhile, AGPS documented the death of 190 Palestinian refugees in war-torn Syria due to the blockade and undernourishment.

Most of the casualties had been residents of the Yarmouk shelter, blockaded by the Syrian regime troops and its abettors for 1,310 days in a row. Power and water supplies to the camp have also been cut off respectively for 1,368 and 827 days.

The tough cordon slapped on Yarmouk residents has blocked the access of much needed food items and medicines into the shelter.



In the meantime, AGPS renews its calls to the Palestinians of Syria to register the names of their detained or missing relatives on the group's official website.

To report any information regarding a missing or detained relative please click here:

actionpal.org.uk/ar/reported_victim.php.

Lists of missing or detained refugees are available on AGPS website, both in English and Arabic. Concerned human rights bodies may wish to visit the site for further data.

Palestinians of Syria: January 19, 2017 Statistics:

- *At least 3,421 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 1,310 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 1,014 and 827 days.*



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- *Residents of Handarat Camp, in Aleppo, denied access to their homes for 1,357 days. Government battalions have been holding sway over the camp for more than 91 days.*
- *Government troops ban residents of Al-Sbiena Camp from returning to their homes for 1,163 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.*
- *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.*