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“Violent Fights at the Entrance of Handarat Camp in Aleppo amid Ambiguous about the camp's Fate”



- 772 Palestinian refugees have been arrested and kidnapped since the beginning of events in Syria.
- Two Palestinian refugees were killed in Syria.
- Starvation is back in the Yarmouk camp.
- Miserable living conditions and hard reality in Khan Dannon camp.
- Three Palestinian refugees were released including a woman.
- Displaced residents of the Yarmouk camp in Lebanon sit-in in front of the UNRWA Office in Tripoli.
- UNRWA: 280,000 Palestinian refugees became homeless inside Syria and 80,000 have escaped.
- The Palestinians of Syria in Gaza are suffering of their economic and living deteriorating situation.

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Victims

The Palestinian refugee "Ahmed Abu Hajar" was killed due to torture in the Syrian regime prisons, while "Ahmed Idris", 31 years from Al Nairab camp was killed during the clashes that broke out in Al Mallah front in Aleppo, it is mentioned that he is a cleavage officer of the PLA and joined the Syrian opposition forces.



Ahmed Idris

Statistics

The documentation team of the AGPS mentioned that the number of Palestinian Syrian refugees who were arrested and kidnapped has reached 772 person since the beginning of the Syrian events till 18-12-2014.

Recent Updates

Clashes and battles at the entrance of Handarat camp in Aleppo between the Syrian Opposition forces and the Regular army that is supported with the national defense and Al Quds Brigade. They used all kinds of weapons coincided with the bombing of the camp and the surrounding areas with a number of surface to surface missiles that led to huge damages and victims where the news are mixed about the destiny of Handarat camp till the moment of writing this report.



The ghost of starvation became back to the Yarmouk camp south of the Syrian capital Damascus because of the stop of UNRWA to distribute food aids for the second week respectively after the sniping operation that the residents are exposed to during their heading to get the food baskets in addition to the clashes that are on purpose in the places of aids distribution. The decision of closing Bait Sahem checkpoint doubled the suffering of the Yarmouk residents who were buying some food materials from this area.

It is referred that 157 victims from Al Yarmouk camp died due to siege and the medical Services shortage. In a different context, the water cut on the houses of the Yarmouk camp enters its 102 day respectively in light of power cut and shortage of all its basic services.

Khan Danoun camp for Palestinian refugees, that is located on the southern of the Syrian capital Damascus, lives in instability and anticipation state specially the last weeks after the raising of the fighting pace in the surrounding areas and towns between the Syrian Opposition and the Regular army and the participation of some residents of the camp ,who belong to the PFGC and Fateh Al Entifada, in the fighting besides the Regular army which exposed the camp to bombing and some missiles targeted separate places of the camp and led to a number of victims and wounded.

According to the AGPS statistics that were issued on the beginning of the last month, the number of the victims from Khan Danoun camp due to the ongoing events in Syria is 12 people. On the other side, regarding the geographical location of Khan Danoun camp the Regular Army tightened its security control on its entrances and exits and made a checkpoint of its main gate and changed its streets to become roads to its machines towards the fighting fronts with the Opposition forces in the surrounding areas.

Arrest

The Palestinian refugee "Mohie Al Dein Darwish", in his seventies, from Al Aedein camp in Homs was arrested on 9th of December 2014 after raiding his house, he is originally from Safad city in Palestine.



Release

The Syrian security released three Palestinian refugees, they are: Mohammed Issa Shatara from Al Aedein camp in Homs on 18th of December 2014 after being detained for almost three months, he is in his thirties and originally from Tarshiha village in Palestine.

Mahmoud Darwish from Al Aedein camp in Homs was also released on 15th of December 2014 after being detained for about a month, he is in his thirties and originally from Safad city in Palestine.

The Palestinian refugee woman "Mai Sameir Al Khalidi" from Khan Al Sheih camp was released after being detained for more than 7 months, it is mentioned that she was detained by Koukab checkpoint members.

UNRWA

Deputy Commissioner-General of UNRWA, Margot Ellis, said "The Palestine refugees totaling 560,000, and who have been affected by the Syrian crisis feel increasingly that they are trapped and isolated and unwelcome in the region, and added that out of the refugees registered with UNRWA in Syria's 560,000 refugees, about 280,000 people of them may become displaced within the country, and there are approximately 80,000 refugees have fled the country, those who arrived in Lebanon, Jordan and Egypt are facing serious legal obstacles worsening living conditions very difficult to make many take their decision to return to the risks inside Syria.

The UNRWA launched its plan for 2015 and for the regional response to the Syrian crisis, and review the plan needed for the amount of 415.4 million dollars in order to meet the minimum needs of the Palestine refugees who suffer from serious difficulties as a result of the conflict in Syria, where they will be allocated \$ 329 million them to support the humanitarian needs of the Palestine refugees inside Syria, where in Lebanon will be for an amount of \$ 63.5 million and Jordan an amount of \$ 16.5 million, and there is also a need for the amount of \$ 6.4 million for emergency operations outside the scope of those regions to respond, and



so includes cash aid to the Palestinian families from Syria into Gaza and operations coordination and support and gain regional support.

Lebanon

The displaced People of the Yarmouk camp from Syria to Lebanon sit-in in front of the United Nations Office at Tripoli, to denounce the policy of "UNRWA" about cut off its aid for Palestinian refugees from Syria in Lebanon, also condemned the discrimination policy of "UNRWA", which aims to the displace the Palestinian people to diaspora, and warned of a popular imminent explosion inside the camps if they didn't put a complete and fast emergency plan that suits the amount of refugees.

At the end of the protest, the protestors handed over a memorandum on behalf of the Palestinians of Syria in Lebanon, to the director of "UNRWA" threatened them that their patience has run out and that "UNRWA" offices in the north will be a shelter for their families.



Sit-in in front of the United Nations at Tripoli

Gaza

The Palestinians of Syria ,who have returned to the Gaza Strip, are suffering from the deteriorating economic situation, as well as many crises, the most important is the 5 months of interruption of their salaries,



which were performed by the Ministry of Labor under (temporary work) unemployment in five months, while (UNRWA) cut off the cash assistance for more than three months.

Consequently, the Palestinian Syrian families in Gaza demanded the Department of the Palestine Liberation Organization for Refugees to take responsibility towards them, especially with regard to its role to provide adequate housing for them, and fixed sources of income to provide a decent life, and free university education, also called the Minister of Social Affairs to form a committee to address this file and to ensure their integration into the Palestinian society and to access to the national figure.

It is noteworthy that the number of Palestinian families coming from Syria to the Gaza Strip between February 2011 and October 2014, registered with the ministry, has reached 228 families consisting of 884 people, according to the Ministry of Social Affairs in Gaza statistics. While the (UNRWA) said that the number of Palestinians returning from Syria, and registered with, reached about 1,000 people since March 2011.

The Palestinian Camps in Syria, Numbers and Statistics till 19/12/2014

- ***The Yarmouk Camp:*** - Siege, imposed by the Regular Army and PFGC, continued for **532** days respectively. In addition, power cuts continued for more than **613** days, water was cut for **102** days respectively. The number of victims due to the siege has reached **157** victims.
- ***Al Husayneyya Camp:*** - Regular Army is still preventing the residents of the camp to return back to their houses for **434** days respectively.
- ***Al Sbeina Camp:*** - Regular Army is still preventing the residents of the camp to return back to their houses for **404** days respectively.
- ***Handarat Camp:*** - Residents have left the camp for **604** days after the Syrian Opposition Groups controlled it.
- ***Dara'a Camp:*** - It is now almost **249** days without water and a complete absence of basic services.
- ***Khan Al Sheih Camp:*** - Roads linking the camp to the city center are still closed except for Zakia road.



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- ***Khan Danoun Camp:*** - *Economic crisis is still continuing, specially unemployment and high prices.*
- ***Jermana, AL Saieda ZAINab, Al Raml, Al Aedein Camps in Homs and Hamma:*** - *A relatively quite situation in light of the economic crises.*