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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria

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"Onslaughts rock Deraa Camp in Southern Syria, Water Cut off for 983 Days"



- **Palestinians of Syria subjected to daily crackdowns on Greek islands**
- **Ex-detainee confirms incarceration of Palestinian refugee in Syrian jail**
- **Palestine Charity Commission wraps up "Warm Winter" mission**

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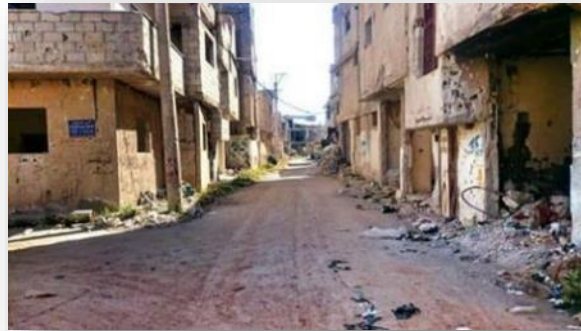


Latest Developments

The Syrian fighter jets struck the Deraa Camp for Palestinian refugees with gas cylinders and mortar shells.

Nearly 80% of civilian buildings in the camp have been destroyed in the raging warfare.

Deraa residents have launched cries for help over the serious upshots of the tough blockade imposed by the Syrian regime troops on the camp and its environs, resulting in an acute shortage in foodstuff. Power and water supplies to the camps have also been cut off for long periods.



Meanwhile, Palestinian-Syrian refugees sheltered on Greek islands have sounded distress signals over the exacerbated humanitarian and socio-economic conditions they have been subjected to.

The situation has gone far worse after the EU heads of state forged the March 18, 2016 deal with Turkey, sparking an atmosphere of palpable panic.

At its core, the agreement aimed to address the overwhelming flow of migrants and asylum seekers traveling across the Aegean from Turkey to



the Greek islands by allowing Greece to return to Turkey all new irregular migrants arriving after March 20.

Leaflets released by the Greek authorities confirmed that the Palestinians of Syria are not implied by the accord for they are categorized as “stateless” persons, making their status even worse.

Speaking with AGPS, Palestinian refugee from Syria Iyad Mohamed, a resident of Al-Husseiniya Camp who has been stranded on a Greek island, said each time the Greek authorities receive appeals to work out the crisis, they just respond in their habitually clichéd manner: “We are in touch with our European partners to find new shelters for the refugees”.

Recently, several reports and snapshots have been released by AGPS over the situation of the Palestinians of Syria who have been seeking asylum in Greece.



Sometime earlier, Palestinian-Syrian journalist Amal Faour spoke out against the flagrant violations and psycho-physical mistreatment perpetrated against the Palestinians of Syria on the Greek island of Chios.



Speaking with AGPS, Palestinian refugees in Greece said they have been subjected to medical neglect and poor hygiene along with the lack of relief assistance and the propagation of poisonous reptiles in the makeshift tents they have been locked up in.

The refugees also said tension has been running high on Greek Islands due to the aggressive assaults carried out by far-right gangsters. One such attack occurred by the end of last November when Greek xenophobes burned down refugee tents in Souda Camp, on Chios Island, using Molotov cocktails. 150 Palestinians from Syria fled the camp at the time of the attack. The Greek police accused immigrants of playing with fireworks.

The Palestinians of Syria have also been the permanent targets of deadly assaults by Greek fanatics using cold weapons.

Palestinian Syrian refugee Hazim, a resident of Yarmouk, said Palestinian refugees have been aggressively attacked by dozens of immigrants from other nationalities and ethnic backgrounds in the presence of Greek cops. Several refugees sustained wounds and bruises in similar assaults.

He further slammed the Greek police for turning blind eyes and deaf ears to the frequent burglaries and larcenies perpetrated against the Palestinians of Syria.

The refugee added that Palestinians have been grappling with a vulnerable legal status. He leveled heavy criticism at the Palestinian Authority (PA) ambassador to Greece for reneging on his promises to



pay a field visit to refugee camp and for turning his back on the stranded asylum-seekers.

The Palestinians of Syria appealed to the concerned authorities to urgently step in and allow them a safe access to another European state. They further called on the human rights institutions to step up pressure on the Greek authorities so as to cease the daily crackdowns against the refugees.

The Palestinians of Syria expressed their firm rebuff of attempts to send them back to Turkey, a country itself rocked by simmering mayhem.

According to unofficial statistics, 400 Palestinian refugees, mostly from the Syrian camps of Deraa, Yarmouk, Al-Aydeen, and Al-Husseiniya, have been seeking shelter in makeshift tents and under-equipped halls on such Greek islands as Lesbos, Chios, Leros, and Kos.

In another development, a newly-released Palestinian refugee said he had met the Palestinian refugee Abdul Halim Abdul Rahman, a resident of Yarmouk Camp, in a Syrian government lock-up in Damascus.

AGPS documented the incarceration of 1,135 Palestinian refugees in Syrian jails, among whom 80 female refugees whose fate has been shrouded in mystery.

Civil Action Committees

The Palestine Charity Commission in southern Damascus wrapped up its “Warm Winter” relief mission in the blockaded Yarmouk Camp and the nearby Yalda and Babilla towns.



Half a ton of firewood was distributed by the commission to 1,100 displaced families.

Elderly refugees, orphans, wounded and diseased persons, among other humanitarian cases, received heating allowances. The commission also installed heaters for a number of families.



Palestinians of Syria: December 19, 2016 Statistics:

- *At least 3,411 Palestinians, including 455 women, were killed in war-torn Syria.*
- *1,135 Palestinian refugees, including 80 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 1,280 days in a row.*
- *192 Palestinians died of undernourishment and medical neglect in the blockaded Yarmouk Camp.*



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- *Water supplies cut off in Deraa and Yarmouk camps respectively for 983 and 800 days.*
- *Residents of Handarat Camp, in Aleppo, denied access to their homes for 1,325 days. Government battalions have been holding sway over the camp for more than 62 days.*
- *Government troops ban residents of Al-Sbiena Camp from returning to their homes for 1,133 days running.*
- *Over 79,000 Palestinian Syrian refugees fled to Europe until mid 2016.*
- *31,000 Palestinians are housed in Lebanon.*
- *17 Palestinians 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.*