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"Fourth Anniversary of Chemical Attack Massacre: Reminder of Syrian Gov't Onslaughts on Palestinian Refugee Community Using Internationally-Prohibited Weapons"



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Latest Developments

In a report issued on the Fourth Anniversary of the Chemical Attack Massacre, perpetrated on August 21, 2013 in Rif Dimashq, AGPS said the Palestinian refugee community has not been safe from the onslaughts launched by the Syrian regime army using internationally prohibited weapons, namely napalm, cluster grenades, and barrel bombs.

August 21 is a reminder of the offensive rocking Zamalqa and AlMu'dhamiya, in Rif Dimashq, and which took away the lives of hundreds of civilians, among them 36 Palestinians, due to heavy inhalation of toxic gas. Heavy material damage was also inflicted on Palestinian refugee camps and shelters, along with UNRWA facilities.



AGPS continues to call on all warring actors in Syria to abide by their obligations under international law and protect civilians during armed conflicts.

AGPS urges the international community and UNRWA to live up to their duties as regards the situation in war-ravaged Syria and to work on providing Palestinian refugees with physical and legal protection.



Meanwhile, fierce clashes flared up on Monday between ISIS militias, on the one hand, and Aknaf Beit AlMaqdis and Sham AlRasoul battalions, on the other.

The clashes spread from the AlBassil swimming pool to flashpoints between Yarmouk Camp and Yalda town, south of Damascus.

In the meantime, the Palestine Civil Commission urged UNRWA and the Palestinian institutions to provide school furniture and equipment to Palestinian students displaced from Yarmouk Camp to the nearby towns of Yalda, Babila, and Beit Sahem.

The commission said schools face an acute classroom shortage and called on UNRWA to secure at least 600 classrooms, along with stationary and books.



The commission also called for securing fuel supplies needed to resist freezing temperatures during the winter season.

In a recent report, AGPS sounded the alarm over the tragic fallouts of the Syrian warfare on the education process of Palestinians and Syrians alike



after the rate of access to education had shrunk back from 95% prior to the conflict to less than 75% in 2015.

In a related development, the National Committee for Relief of Palestinians of Syria released a list of patients from Yarmouk and its vicinities who will receive treatment in Damascus following the approval of the Syrian authorities.

The list includes 44 patients diagnosed with chronic and life-threatening diseases wrought by the tough blockade enforced on Yarmouk since mid 2013. Except for the resource-deprived Palestine Clinic, most of clinics and hospitals in Yarmouk have gone out of operation in the raging warfare.

Sometime earlier, sources from Yarmouk told AGPS that over 189 Palestinian refugees stranded in Yarmouk and nearby towns are in need of urgent medical referrals.

AGPS field reporter also sounded the alarm over the spread of typhoid and jaundice among children and elderly people in Tahrir AlSham-led zones west of Yarmouk due to the blockade imposed by the Syrian government forces and ISIS. Contaminated water supplies have made the situation far worse.

Meanwhile, Palestinian refugee from Syria Wael Jasem Khalil was kidnapped by the Syrian government forces at a checkpoint pitched near Khan AlSheih Camp.

The arrestee was dragged to Sa'sa' security branch just two days after he returned to his home in the camp.



At least 1,626 Palestinian refugees have been held in Syrian government prisons, among them 237 refugees sheltered in Khan AlSheih Camp.

In another development, sick Palestinian refugee from Syria Maher Ramadan Omar, aged 30, has gone homeless due to the security mayhem rocking Ein AlHilweh refugee camp, south of Lebanon.

Maher, who fled Yarmouk Camp in Syria in the hunt for a safer shelter, has gone quadriplegic following a road accident in Sidon. He is in need of a deep brain stimulation (a neurosurgical procedure involving the implantation of a medical device called a neurostimulator, sometimes referred to as a 'brain pacemaker'). The surgery costs up to \$5,000.

As the security situation has taken a turn for the worse in Ein AlHilweh Camp, Maher fled to the seaside, seeking a respite from bloody strife.

A number of activists called on the concerned institutions to make serious steps so as to secure Maher's treatment fees and provide him with a decent shelter before it is too late.





Recently, Furqan Charity in Ein AlHilweh handed over in-kind and medical aids to Maher. At the same time, a delegation of medics from AlHamshari Hospital was tasked with hospitalizing Maher and providing him with the needed checks and therapy.

Civil Action

The Palestine Charity Commission distributed 600 children's milk cans to Yarmouk's displaced families in Babila, Yalda, and Beit Sahem.

The charity further announced the launch of a project to deliver sacrificial meat to the displaced families.

Palestinians of Syria: August 21, 2017 Statistics:

- *At least 3,558 Palestinians, including 462 women, were killed in war-torn Syria.*
- *1,628 Palestinian refugees, including 103 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 1,487 days in a row.*
- *197 Palestinians died of undernourishment and medical neglect in the blockaded Yarmouk Camp.*
- *Water supplies cut off in Deraa and Yarmouk camps respectively for 1,224 and 1,073 days.*



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- *Residents of Handarat Camp, in Aleppo, denied access to their homes for 1,569 days. Government battalions have been holding sway over the camp for more than 322 days.*
- *Nearly 85,000 Palestinian refugees from Syria fled to Europe until the end of 2016.*
- *31,000 Palestinians from Syria are housed in Lebanon.*
- *17,000 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.*