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"UNRWA Condemns Deadly Onslaught on Khan Al-Shih Refugees, Calls for Safe Passage out of Camp"



- Warplanes step up strikes on outer reaches of Khan Shih camp.
- Syrian regime remains mum over fate of hundreds of Palestinian refugee detainees.
- 190 Palestinians killed by the blockade.

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Latest Developments:

The United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) condemned on Friday a deadly onslaught by the Syrian army on Khan Al-Shih camp in Damascus western suburbs on October 18 which took away the lives of four Palestinian refugees and a Syrian lady as they tried to leave the camp, seeking safe shelters for their children.



AGPS identified the casualties as Nawfa Mohamed Jarad and her daughter Ibaa Sa'id Al-Nader, along with the van driver Kamal Hussein. A one-year-old toddler and his mother were also among the reported victims, all killed on Tuesday night when their van was hit by shell fire as they attempted to leave the camp for fear of being killed.

UNRWA called on the warring parties to take up their duties in line with the international humanitarian law and to spare no single effort to protect the refugees.

According to UNRWA, tightened military grip around the Khan Al-Shih camp, near the Syrian capital, meant residents face death-defying risks when trying to access aid or to leave the camp.



The U.N. agency warned that Khan Al-Shih camp was at risk of becoming another Yarmouk - the refugee camp in Damascus ravaged by years of unbroken fighting and horrendous violence.

UNRWA urged the warring parties to allow safe passage out of the camp for any residents wishing to run away.

The agency further called for full humanitarian access to Khan Al-Shih to deliver emergency food, cash assistance, and medicines.

In a related development, fighter jets, believed to be Russian, targeted at predawn time on Friday Khan Al-Shih's surrounding ranches with six airstrikes in a row, sparking a state of panic among refugee children and women.



Over the past twenty days, Syrian and Russian fighter aircrafts have stepped up heavy blitzes and artillery rounds on Khan Al-Shih camp, killing dozens of refugees and leaving several others wounded.

Residents of Khan Al-Shih camp have also launched distress signals over the complete closure imposed on the area for 20 days running, blocking their access out of an into the camp to fetch food, water, and medicines.



Meanwhile, over 1,500 Palestinian refugees, including children, women, and elderly civilians, are incarcerated in the Syrian regime lock-ups. AGPS kept record of hundreds of cases of Palestinian refugees tortured to death behind prison bars. The Syrian security devices remain, however, reticent over the fate of hundreds of other refugees.

Palestinian refugee minor Mustafa Ali Ayoub, aged 15 at the time of the abduction, was kidnapped by the Syrian troops from his own family home in Al-Tadhamun neighborhood, adjacent to Yarmouk camp, on October 5, 2012. Six months after Mustafa's abduction, an ex-detainee said he last saw the child in a Syrian penitentiary. Up to now, Mustafa's fate remains unknown.

AGPS identified another detainee as Mohamed Mustafa Al-Kilani, born in 1950 and kidnapped by the Syrian army from Mezzeh town, in Damascus, on January 8, 2014.

Ten members of a Palestinian refugee family have also been held in Syrian jails since June 12, 2013. AGPS identified the family members as: Mahira Mahmoud Amayri, Hadeel Mahmoud Amayri, Aseel Mahmoud Amayri, Widad Mahmoud Amayri, Razan Mahmoud Amayri, Suheer Mahmoud Amayri, and Maysaa Jamal Idris, along with Firas Waleed Dasouki and his children Hamza Firas Dasouki and Hala Firas Dasouki, all kidnapped by the Syrian army squads at a checkpoint in Nisreen Street, in the regime-run Al-Tadhamun neighborhood.

Affidavits by ex-detainees also testified to the presence of refugee newborns held in their mothers' arms inside regime penal complexes.



According to AGPS up-to-date statistics, 1,114 Palestinian refugees are held in Syrian prisons, among whom 77 women with an unknown fate. Psycho-physical torture also took away the lives of 452 other refugees, whose bodies have been withheld by the Syrian security forces up to now.

At the same time, AGPS watchdog documented 190 cases of Palestinian refugees killed by undernourishment and lack of medical care in blockaded refugee camps, mostly in Damascus-based Yarmouk, blockaded by the regime abettors for 1,221 consecutive days. The camp has also been subjected to power and water cut-offs respectively for 1,282 days and 741 days, exacerbating even further the earth-shattering state of affairs in the camp.



Palestinians of Syria: October 21, 2016 Statistics:

- *There are 15,500 Palestinian-Syrian refugees in Jordan.*
- *42,500 Palestinian-Syrian refugees are in Lebanon.*
- *6,000 Palestinian-Syrian refugees are sheltered in Egypt, according to UNRWA figures covering the period from July 2015 backwards.*



- *8,000 Palestinian-Syrian refugees are taking shelter in Turkey.*
- *1,000 Palestinian-Syrian refugees reside in the blockaded Gaza Strip.*
- *Over 79,000 Palestinian Syrian refugees fled to Europe until mid 2016.*
- *Yarmouk refugee camp has been blockaded by the Syrian regime army and Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine - General Command PFLP-GC for 1,221 days in a row. Electricity and water supplies have been cut off, respectively, for 1,282 days and 741 days. The number of those killed due to the blockade has hit 190.*
- *Sbiena refugee camp: Refugees could not go back to their homes as a result of the blockade slapped by the Syrian regime forces since 1,074 days running.*
- *Handarat refugee camp: All refugees left the camp since 1,266 days after opposition outfits grabbed hold of the area.*
- *Deraa refugee camp: Water has been cut off for 924 consecutive days while 70% of its buildings have been knocked down.*
- *Homs camp, Hama camp, Jaramana camp, al-Sayda Zeinab camp, Al-Raml camp: A of State of relative calm has been reported in the abovementioned areas. However, economic crises have been on the rise.*
- *Khan al-Shih refugee camp: All access roads to the camp have been closed off, except for the Zakia-Khan Al-Shih passageway.*