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"Fatah Slammed for Apathy Regarding Fate of Thousands of Missing, Slain Palestinians in Syria"



- **UNRWA Resumes Aid-Distribution South of Damascus**
- **Palestinian from Syria Earns Coach License in Fighting Games from German Sports Commission**
- **Recreational Trip for Children Displaced from Yarmouk**

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Latest Developments

Palestinian and Syrian activists and journalists leveled heavy criticism at Fatah Movement after it congratulated the Syrian regime on the Evacuation Day.

Palestinian activists dubbed the move a stab in the back of the Palestinians of Syria and an act of nonchalance vis-à-vis thousands of Palestinian refugees killed by the government forces and their war accessories.



A letter sent on April 19 by Fatah Central Committee and the Commissioner of Relations with Arab Countries and China, Abbas Zaki, referred to the Syrian president as “a brother” and expressed hope that the incumbent Syrian leadership remains in office.

“The silence maintained by Fatah and the Palestinian embassy over the death of 3,483 Palestinians, the detention of 1,187 others along with the fatal torture of 461 refugees, is driven by politicized rather than humanitarian motives,” an activist speaking on condition of anonymity told AGPS.



In statements posted on social media networks, activists lashed out at Fatah and Zaki for their apathy as regards the massacres perpetrated against the Palestinian refugees in Syria, along with the blockade and incessant shelling rocking Palestinian refugee camps.

The Palestinians of Syria have often appealed to the Palestinian Authority, chaired by Mahmoud Abbas, and its embassy in Damascus to urge the Syrian government to release the Palestinian detainees, lift the blockade on Yarmouk, and halt the deadly offensives targeting Palestinian camps. The appeals have frequently gone unheeded.

Meanwhile, sources in southern Damascus said UNRWA will resume its operations in Yalda starting Monday April 24 and will distribute 6,000 food and medicine parcels to Palestinian families sheltered in Yalda, Babila, Beit Sahem, and Yarmouk.

In mid-April, a rally staged by the Palestinian refugees pushed the international community, UNRWA, and the Palestinian factions to take urgent action regarding those stranded in Yarmouk and those who fled to Yalda, Babila, and Beit Sahem.

Some 3,000 Palestinians trapped inside Yarmouk have been enduring dire conditions due to the tough cordon imposed by the Syrian government forces. Over 10,000 Palestinians displaced from Yarmouk to Babila, Yalda, and Beit Sahem, after ISIS and AlNusra grabbed hold of the camp in early April 2015, have also been subjected to a calamitous state of affairs



In another development, Palestinian refugee from Syria Omar Hazima earned a coach certificate in Karate, Muay Thai, and wrestling from the German sports commission for refugees.

Hazima fled Jaramana Camp for Palestinian refugees, in Rif Dimashq, for fear of being killed in the raging warfare. He had gone through a journey fraught with danger, moving from one destination to another, before he ultimately disembarked in Germany.

Hazima started a sports career in Syria, where he worked as a coach in sports clubs in Jaramana and AlHusseiniya camps, in Rif Dimashq. He earned a diploma in training and physical fitness and took part in several Arab and international championships.

According to unofficial statistics, over 85,000 Palestinians from Syria fled to Europe.

Civil Action Commissions

A recreational trip was organized by the psychological support team at the Jafra Foundation in southern Damascus to a park in Babila. Over 300 children displaced from Yarmouk to nearby towns joined the trip.

Competitions, games, and gifts figured during the trip in an attempt to relieve the trauma infecting the psychological well-being of war-affected children.

Dozens of Palestinian children died as a result of medical neglect, undernourishment, and deadly shelling in war-torn Syria.



Palestinians of Syria: April 22, 2017 Statistics:

- *At least 3,483 Palestinians, including 455 women, were killed in war-torn Syria.*
- *1,187 Palestinian refugees, including 87 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 1,374 days in a row.*
- *195 Palestinians died of undernourishment and medical neglect in the blockaded Yarmouk Camp.*
- *Water supplies cut off in Deraa and Yarmouk camps respectively for 1,105 and 956 days.*
- *Residents of Handarat Camp, in Aleppo, denied access to their homes for 1,449 days. Government battalions have been holding sway over the camp for more than 183 days.*
- *Nearly 85,000 Palestinian Syrian refugees fled to Europe until mid 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.*