



التقرير اليومي الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية

Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria

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"Smuggling Gangs in Libya Release Elderly Palestinian Woman after Her Health Takes Turn for Worse"



- **Water Crisis Rocking Daraa, Yarmouk Camps for Palestinian Refugees for over 1,000 Days**
- **ISIS Prevents Palestinians in Yarmouk from Receiving Relatives**
- **Son of Missing Palestinian Dgheim Says Father Returns Home**
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Latest Developments

Seven Palestinian refugees from Syria have been held captive by smuggling gangs in Libya after they were kidnapped from Bani Walid area on July 23, 2017 on their way to Europe, fleeing war-ravaged Syria. The smugglers demanded ransoms of up to \$5,000 per every captive.

According to recent reports, the smugglers released an elderly Palestinian aged 70-years-old after her health status has gone downhill.



Reaching out to AGPS by phone, a captive's mother said her son and the other detainees have had their hopes dashed due to the mistreatment they have been subjected to by the smugglers. She added that she paid the required sum but her son has not been unshackled yet.

The captives' families called on the concerned human rights institutions and activists, along with the Palestinian Embassy in Libya, to urgently step in and work on restoring their relatives' freedom.



In another development, residents of Yarmouk and Daraa camps have been grappling with a chronic water blackout for over three consecutive years.

The residents have been forced to drink water spouting from contaminated artesian wells.

Speaking with AGPS, experts warned of the life-threatening diseases and kidney disorders inflicted by the unhygienic artesian wells due to the germ-infested deposits and the absence of water-disinfection endeavors.

The Syrian government has cut off water supplies to Yarmouk Camp for over 1,225 days running and to Daraa Camp for over 1,074 consecutive days.



Meanwhile, ISIS militias in Yarmouk prevented Palestinians stranded in ISIS-run zones from receiving their friends and relatives.

ISIS militants continue to lift the iron barriers separating areas controlled by ISIS and Tahrir AlSham. At the same time, families' access to fuel and foodstuff has been blocked by ISIS.



A tough blockade has been imposed on Yarmouk by Syria's pro-regime troops for 1,488 consecutive days. ISIS has also been controlling large areas of Yarmouk since early April 2015, forcing hundreds of families to flee to nearby shelters.

Meanwhile, the son of the elderly Palestinian refugee AlHaj Abu Mohamed Dgheim said his father has been found and is safe at home after AGPS reported him missing in the Turkish city of Iskenderun on Sunday, August 20.



Dgheim, aged 86, fled AlAyed in Camp in Homs some three years ago to Iskenderun, where he has been taking shelter with his wife and grandson.

According to unofficial statistics, 5,000 to 8000 Palestinian refugees have sought shelter in Turkey, entering the country through illegal routes after the Turkish authorities suspending visas in 2013.

In the meantime, Palestinian refugees from Syria have been grappling with a precarious legal status in the turmoil-stricken Egyptian territories.



The Egyptian authorities continue to turn down Palestinians' appeals for visas under the pretext that "security go-aheads" have not been issued to that end.

The situation has gone from bad to worse due to the price hike, high rates of unemployment, and security turmoil rocking the Egyptian territories.

AGPS calls on Egypt to treat the Palestinian refugees from Syria as Syrian nationals, work on registering them at the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, and to abide by its obligations as a signatory of the 1951 UN convention.

Palestinians of Syria: August 22, 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 1,488 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 1,225 and 1,074 days.*



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- *Residents of Handarat Camp, in Aleppo, denied access to their homes for 1,570 days. Government battalions have been holding sway over the camp for more than 323 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.*