



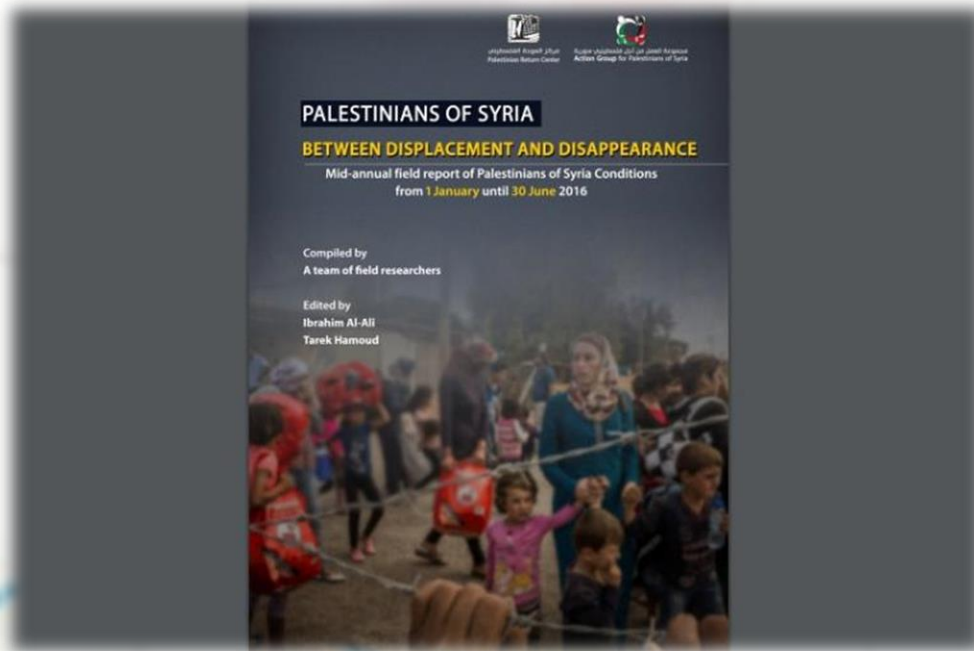
## التقرير اليومي الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية

Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria

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*Action Group for Palestinians of Syria and Palestinian Return Center Release Semi-Annual Report Entitled “Palestinians of Syria: Between Displacement and Disappearance”*



- Residents of Khan Al-Sheih on tenterhooks as they await fallouts of underway bargains between government battalions and opposition outfits
- Government forces strike Deraa Camp with surface-to-surface missiles
- Resident of Khan Al-Sheih kidnapped in Jdeidat Artouz town, in Rural Damascus.

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## **Reports**

*The London-based Palestinian Return Center (PRC) and the Action Group for Palestinians of Syria (AGPS) issued a semi-annual report entitled “Palestinians of Syria: Between Displacement and Disappearance” and documenting the situation of Palestinian refugees for the period from January 2016 up to June 2016.*

*The report kept record of the death of 3,247 Palestinian refugees and the detention of over 1,100 others in war-torn Syria. At the same time, 220,000 Palestinians sought asylum overseas, 80,000 among whom got through to Europe.*



*The report is divided into seven sections. The first part covers the situation of the Palestinians of Syria in refugee camps and communities in the beleaguered Syrian territories, mostly in Yarmouk, Khan Al-Sheih, Al-Sayida Zeinab, Al-Husseiniya, Al-Sbiena, Jaramana, Khan Dannun, Deraa, Al-Neirab, Handarat, Homs-based Al-Aydeen, Hama-based Al-Aydeen, and Al-Raml refugee camps.*



*The second part sheds light on the mountainous journey endured by the Palestinian-Syrian Diaspora in Lebanon, Gaza, Turkey, and Europe.*

*Four sections are, meanwhile, devoted to the deadly risks run by the Palestinians of Syria on the asylum-seeking road and the initiatives embarked on by European institutions to rein in the crisis.*

*The last section spotlights the death toll and number of detainees among the Palestinian-Syrian refugee community.*

*AGPS documented the death of 3,247 Palestinian refugees due to war-related incidents and accidents, both inside and outside of Syria, since the outburst of deadly hostilities until June 2016.*

*The raging war took away the lives of 173 Palestinian refugees, including 115 civilians and 58 gunmen, during the first half of 2016.*

*According to the report, several refugees housed in such refugee camps as Al-Sbiena and Handarat have been forced out of their shelters. Meanwhile, less than 3,000 refugees, out of a total of 220,000 refugees, have remained in Yarmouk Camp after over half of its residents have been displaced to nearby towns for fear of being killed in the deadly offensives. At the same time, 12,000 Palestinians have remained in Khan Al-Sheih Camp, which had been shielding nearly 22,000 refugees prior to the war.*

*The majority of those displaced from their places of residence have sought refuge in areas controlled by the government battalions or the opposition outfits. Others fled to Turkey, Europe, East Asian Countries, and the Americas, seeking a safer refuge for their children.*



*The report indicates that 80,000 Palestinian refugees reached out to Europe up to the second half of 2016.*

*The fact-based data provided in the 120-page report has been compiled by a team of on-the-spot correspondents, field observers, eye-witnesses, researchers, analysts, and professional journalists.*

*Four reports on the situation of the Palestinians of Syria during the first and second halves of 2014 and 2015, among several other documentary accounts, were previously released by PRC and AGPS.*

*To download the English version of the report please click here*

<http://www.actionpal.org.uk/en/reports/special/semiannual20161en.pdf>

*To download the Arabic version please click here*

<http://www.actionpal.org.uk/ar/reports/special/62016.pdf>

### ***Latest Developments***

*Speaking with AGPS, sources inside Khan Al-Sheih Camp said ongoing negotiations between the government forces and opposition battalions are expected to culminate in a deal. Key to the projected agreement is the withdrawal of opposition fighters from the camp towards Idlib and Deraa provinces.*

*A 48-hour truce deal has been put into effect for the second round of talks, expected to be wrapped up within the next few days.*



*Last week, similar talks reached a deadlock after the regime army stepped up deadly offensives on the camp at the same time as the armed opposition groups showed an unbending rebuff of appeals to retreat to Deraa.*



*Residents of Khan Al-Sheih raised concerns over their fate in case the government forces hold sway over the camp and force all refugees out as had been the case in Dariya and other government-led areas.*

*Refugees in Khan Al-Sheih Camp have run out of basic food items and life-saving medicines due to the tight blockade slapped on the area since the start of September.*

*In a related development, the Syrian Regular Army on Sunday struck the Deraa camp for Palestinian refugees with surface-to-surface missiles.*

*Violent clashes also flared up between the opposition and government squads on the outskirts of the camp and the adjacent towns.*



### **Arrests**

*Palestinian refugee Abd Mohamed Awad Eid, sheltered in Khan Al-Sheih Camp, was kidnapped last week by the Syrian government troops deployed at the Jdeidat Artouz checkpoint in Damascus Suburbs.*

*According to AGPS figures, 109 Palestinian refugees housed in Khan Al-Sheih Camp are locked up in Syrian government jails.*

### **Palestinians of Syria: November 22, 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.*



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- *Yarmouk refugee camp has been blockaded by the Syrian regime army and Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine - General Command (PFLP-GC) for 1,253 days in a row. Electricity and water supplies have been cut off, respectively, for 1,312 days and 773 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 1,106 days running.*
- *Handarat refugee camp: All refugees left the camp since 1,298 days after opposition outfits grabbed hold of the area.*
- *Deraa refugee camp: Water has been cut off for 956 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-Sheih refugee camp: All access roads out of and into the camp have been closed off by the Syrian regime army for 55 days running.*