



التقرير اليومي الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية

Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria

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"Palestinians from Syria Detained in Libya"



- Residents of Khan AlSheih Denied Access to Their Homes through Gov't Roadblocks
- Palestinian Medics Enduring Mysterious Fate in Syrian Penitentiaries
- 2013 Deadliest Year in Syrian Warfare
- Family of 7-Year-Old Girl Launch Distress Signals

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Latest Developments

Palestinian activists said a number of Palestinian refugees from Syria have been detained in Libya's northeastern city of Benghazi. Other refugees were kidnapped from Bani Walid area, northwest of Libya.

The activists said they have failed to reach out to six Palestinian refugees held in Benghazi's central prison, including four from Syria and two from Lebanon, for 20 consecutive days.

The Palestinian Embassy has reportedly held contacts with Libyan parties to release the refugees in the next few days.

Kidnapers reportedly demanded a ransom to release the eight-member group kidnapped from Bani Walid, among them an elderly woman in her 70s.

The captives' families have appealed to the international human rights institutions and the Palestinian Embassy to step up pressure on the concerned parties so as to release the refugees at the soonest time possible.

Libya has been a stopover for thousands of Palestinian refugees fleeing war-tattered Syria to Europe.

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Meanwhile, the Syrian government patrols deployed at checkpoints pitched around Khan AlSheih have been banning civilians from returning to their homes, in contravention of the reconciliation deal struck with the opposition outfits that retreated from Khan AlSheih.

The deal stipulated that the opposition outfits retreat from Khan AlSheih and its environs and that the government squads lift the blockade and allow civilians' access into their shelters.

Students and workers are allowed to leave the camp on condition that they put down their names on special lists at one of the offices run by the Palestine Liberation Army.

One month earlier, senior government officials pledged to unblock Khan AlSheih access roads, rehabilitate the infrastructure and restore power, water, and telecommunication, among other vital services.



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In another development, a number of Palestinian medics and paramedics have had mysterious fates in Syrian regime lock-ups. Others have reportedly been tortured to death on allegations of providing medical and humanitarian assistance to rival parties.

The list of missing medics included general surgeon Hayel Kasem Hamid, aged 67. Hamid, the head of the General Surgery Department at AlAssad University Hospital, was kidnapped from his clinic in Yarmouk Camp on August 13, 2012.

Palestinian neurosurgeon Alaa AlDeen Youssef, 62, has also gone missing since December 25, 2012. He was kidnapped from a checkpoint pitched near the main entrance to Yarmouk Camp.



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Another Palestinian refugee—Malek Mohamed Youssef—also figures on the list. Youssef, a dentistry graduate, was kidnapped by the government forces from Damascus University on May 23, 2013.

Medical staff and structures in besieged Yarmouk Camp came under heavy shelling by the government squads. Dozens of doctors, pharmacists, and paramedics have been pronounced dead while others have gone missing since the outburst of the deadly warfare in Syria.

AGPS kept record of the death of 3,539 Palestinian refugees from Syria due to war-related incidents, most notably shelling, torture, blasts, the blockade, and drowning.

2013 was the deadliest, with 1,017 victims, down from 735 in 2014, 487 in 2015, and 312 in 2016.

In the meantime, the family of seven-year-old Hasnaa Wasef Karmou', displaced from Yarmouk Camp to Lebanon's AlBekaa Valley, appealed to the humanitarian and medical institutions to urgently step in and work on securing fees for the treatment of their sick daughter, diagnosed with a right kidney stone.

Hasnaa is in need of an urgent surgery worth \$8,200 to remove the stone at AlRoum Hospital in Beirut. No contribution has been made by UNRWA to help the family.

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The family slammed the apathy maintained by several human rights bodies and committees in Lebanon under the pretext of complex administrative procedures.



Palestinians of Syria: July 23, 2017 Statistics:

- *At least 3,539 Palestinians, including 463 women, were killed in war-torn Syria.*
- *1,615 Palestinian refugees, including 101 women, are incarcerated in Syrian government lock-ups.*

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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 1,459 days in a row.*
- *196 Palestinians died of undernourishment and medical neglect in the blockaded Yarmouk Camp.*
- *Water supplies cut off in Deraa and Yarmouk camps respectively for 1,197 and 1,046 days.*
- *Residents of Handarat Camp, in Aleppo, denied access to their homes for 1,540 days. Government battalions have been holding sway over the camp for more than 293 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.*