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"Palestinian Refugee from Syria Stranded at Bangkok Airport Launches Cry for Help following Bans Slapped by Lebanon, Malaysia"



- Resident of Deraa Camp Killed in Southern Syria Clashes
- Injuries Reported as Gov' Forces Attack Wedding Ceremony in Khan AlSheih Camp
- Witness NGO Urges Abbas to Pop In Palestinian Camps in Lebanon, Take Immediate Action

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Victims

Palestinian refugee Mohamed Ahmed Usfur, a resident of Deraa Camp, succumbed on Thursday, February 23, to wounds he sustained in bloody clashes with the Syrian government troops in AlMenshiya neighborhood, in Deraa.

The casualty was identified as the commander-in-chief of the anti-government Aknaf AlUmari battalion in southern Syria.

At least 246 Palestinian residents of Deraa were killed since the outbreak of the Syrian warfare.



Latest developments

Palestinian refugee Muhannad AlKhaja, formerly sheltered in Yarmouk Camp, launched a cry for help from the Bangkok airport, in the southeastern Asian country of Thailand, where he has been stranded.

In a letter emailed to AGPS, AlKhaja said he fled Yarmouk Camp, in southern Damascus, a couple of years ago, due to the deadly offensives targeting the shelter.



AlKhaja had first sought shelter in Lebanon before he headed to Thailand, where he had been granted a six-month stay. However, he was later detained by the Thai authorities for overstaying his visa and transferred to the “deportation prison”, where he had been locked up for nearly one year and a half, before he was deported to Lebanon.



The Lebanese authorities threatened to turn him in to the Syrian authorities. AlKhaja expressed fear that he might be arrested and tortured by the Syrian government forces who blacklisted him as “a draft dodger” after he rebuffed military conscription.

AlKhaja was once again deported to Lebanon from Kuala Lumpur, in Malaysia, where he got off in the hunt for a safe shelter.

After the Lebanese authorities notified him of their intents to turn him in to the Syrian government, AlKhaja booked a flight to Thailand, where he was detained right as he stepped in the airport.

AGPS news correspondent quoted AlKhaja as appealing to the Palestinian Authority (PA), the Palestinian embassy in Thailand, and the



UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) to take urgent action so as to release him and revamp his legal status before it is too late.

Thousands of Palestinian refugees fled their refugee camps in war-torn Syria, risking their lives onboard “the death boats” to Europe as they rummaged around for safe sanctuaries to take provisional cover in.

In another development, the Syrian government forces, escorted by conscripts at the Palestine Liberation Army (PLA), came down heavily on a wedding ceremony celebrated in Khan AlSheih camp, in Damascus western outskirts.

Reporting from the scene, AGPS correspondent said inebriated government squads and PLA recruits stepped into the wedding ceremony of a Palestinian refugee in Khan AlSheih’s western neighborhood.

A fistfight and a knife fight broke out following the assault. The Syrian government forces attacked civilians with randomly-shot spates of live ammunition and wreaked havoc on civilian homes in search for alleged anti-government protesters. A number of residents who were in attendance sustained injuries in the assault.

The Syrian regime troops have tightened military grip on Khan AlSheih Camp, blocking civilians’ free access out of and into the shelter.

Meanwhile, the Palestinian Association for Human Rights, Shahed (Witness), urged the Palestinian Authority (PA) President, Mahmoud Abbas, to pay a visit to the Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon during his three-day stopover in the country and to take serious action vis-à-vis their tragic situation.



A statement by Shahed sounded the alarm over the high unemployment rates and poor health services in the Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon, especially following UNRWA cuts of its services.

Shahed NGO said 33,000 Palestinians displaced from Syria have been subjected to a calamitous situation after UNRWA suspended its shelter and relief allowances. Shahed further warned of the steep visa-renewal fees, deportation threats, and abductions faced by the Palestinians of Syria on a quasi-daily basis.



“High walls and military watchtowers are being built around Ein AlHilweh Camp, sparking panic among children, women, and elderly refugees,” a statement by Shahed read.

Ein AlHiwleh provides temporary shelter to some 726 Palestinian families from Syria.

Shahed called on Abbas to urge the Lebanese government to restore the refugees’ civil and socio-economic rights, along with the right to work and property until the Syrian warfare is brought to a standstill.

Nearly 31,000 Palestinian refugees from Syria are taking cover in Lebanon, where they have been treated as tourists and are, thus, deprived from their basic human rights, including the right to work.



Palestinians of Syria: February 24, 2017 Statistics:

- *At least 3,451 Palestinians, including 455 women, were killed in war-torn Syria.*
- *1,166 Palestinian refugees, including 83 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 1,345 days in a row.*
- *190 Palestinians died of undernourishment and medical neglect in the blockaded Yarmouk Camp.*
- *Water supplies cut off in Deraa and Yarmouk camps respectively for 1,049 and 857 days.*
- *Residents of Handarat Camp, in Aleppo, denied access to their homes for 1,393 days. Government battalions have been holding sway over the camp for more than 127 days.*
- *Government troops ban residents of Al-Sbiena Camp from returning to their homes for 1,198 days running.*
- *Over 79,000 Palestinian Syrian refugees fled to Europe until mid 2016.*
- *31,000 Palestinians from Syria are housed in Lebanon.*
- *17 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.*