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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria

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"Shelling Rocks Yarmouk Camp, Siege Upheld for 1,371st Day"



- **UNRWA: 60% of Palestinian Refugees Displaced in War-Torn Syria**
- **Swedish Foreign Ministry Warns of Upshots of Black Market Embassy Appointments**

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Latest Developments

Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian Refugees on Thursday was struck with barrages of mortar shells and missiles.

At the same time, sporadic clashes flared up in the camp between ISIS militias and Tahrir AlSham Commission. A round of intermittent clashes between ISIS and the opposition battalions were also spotted in AlUruba Street, between Yalda town and Yarmouk.



A tough cordon has been imposed by ISIS on areas led by Tahrir AlSham squads in Yarmouk, resulting in acute shortages in foodstuff. Civilians have also been denied access out of and into the area after ISIS declared it a closed military zone.

The situation has gone downhill due to the blockade imposed by the Syrian government forces and their war abettors on the camp.

ISIS held sway over the camp in April 2015 in cooperation with AlNusra Front.



Meanwhile, UNRWA warned that over 60 percent of Palestinian refugees have become displaced in war-torn Syria.

According to the agency, almost 280,000 are internally displaced and 43,000 are trapped in hard-to-reach or inaccessible locations. Over 95 per cent of the Palestinian refugee population in Syria are in critical need of humanitarian assistance, which comprises cash, food and non-food items.

UNRWA estimates that there are over 120,000 Palestinian refugees from Syria outside of Syria, with around 31,000 displaced to Lebanon and 16,000 to Jordan. Many Palestinian refugees in Lebanon and Jordan have been pushed into a precarious and marginalized existence due to their uncertain legal status.

UNRWA estimates that over 90 percent of the Palestinian refugee families from Jilin have fled as a result of the escalation of armed violence reported to have started on February 20

Nearly 2,000 Palestinian residents of Kahn ALSheih Camp for Palestinian refugees in Rif Dimashq were deported to the northern Syrian city of Idlib, led by the opposition outfits, following a deal with the Syrian government.

In another development, the Swedish Foreign Ministry called on its immigration envoys to sound the alarm over underway attempts to turn family reunification appointments into bargaining chips by shadow agents. One such case recently occurred at Sweden's embassy in Amman.



The Swedish radio and TV channel received a soundtrack of a telephone call received by Lubna Moussa who was expecting an interview in the Swedish embassy in Jordan over her appeal to reunite with her children and husband, who had been granted the right to a permanent stay in Sweden.



The woman who spoke to Mrs. Moussa by phone posed for a Swedish delegate at the Amman-based embassy and claimed she is reaching out to fix an appointment in exchange for 10,000 Jordanian dinars (nearly \$14,000).

The Swedish state broadcaster quoted the Swedish Foreign Ministry media chief as stating that efforts have been underway to track down the crooks.

The Swedish official added that the ministry will urge its immigration envoys to raise awareness against similar blackmails.

Hundreds of Palestinian families from Syria in Sweden have launched appeals for family reunification, a dream that often takes over a couple of years to become true. Those sheltered in Turkey and Lebanon have been



facing thorny procedures trying to obtain appointments at the Swedish embassies.

Palestinians of Syria: March 24, 2017 Statistics:

- *At least 3,471 Palestinians, including 455 women, were killed in war-torn Syria.*
- *1,178 Palestinian refugees, including 86 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 1,371 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 1,077 and 885 days.*
- *Residents of Handarat Camp, in Aleppo, denied access to their homes for 1,421 days. Government battalions have been holding sway over the camp for more than 155 days.*
- *Over 79,000 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.*