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"AGPS: 50 Palestinians from War-torn Syria drown on Migration Road"



- Shells dropped on Damascus-based Yaroumk Camp
- Return of Al-Sbeina residents to their homes reportedly round the corner
- Yarmouk students displaced to Yalda receive textbooks
- South Korea contributes US\$ 500,000 for Palestinian refugee children in Syria

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Latest Developments

At least 50 Palestinian refugees from Syria drowned at sea as they embarked on a life-threatening asylum-seeking journey to Europe, AGPS found out.

Most of the casualties were women, children, and elderly refugees, who were killed onboard the “death boats” to Europe, fleeing war-torn Syria.

A number of refugees died off the Libyan seashore on way to Italy while others breathed their last off the Marmara coast as they tried to disembark in Greece.



The death-journey is often preceded by another life-threatening trip to such points of departure as Turkey, Libya, and Egypt, before setting sail to the new asylum destination.

In another development, three mortar shells slammed into the Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian refugees, resulting in material damage.



Yarmouk residents have been subjected to a twofold siege imposed by the Syrian army troops and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) on the one hand, and ISIS militias, in partnership with Al-Nusra Front, on the other.

A Syrian delegation headed by the Minister of National Reconciliation, Ali Haidar, along with the governors of Damascus and Al-Quneitra, popped in Al-Dhiabiya and Al-Sbeina area, in Damascus's southern outskirts, in an attempt to keep tabs on underway endeavors to secure a safe access of Al-Sbeina residents to their homes.

Residents of Al-Sbeina have been denied access to their homes via government checkpoints for 1,168 days running.



Meanwhile, the National Committee for the Relief of the Palestinian People on January 25, 2017, handed out textbooks to students displaced from Yarmouk to Yalda town.

Instructor Waleed al-Kurdi, in charge of students affairs, handed over the textbooks to the UNRWA-run al-Jarmak School.



According to UNRWA, several Palestinian students from Syria dropped out of school as they rummaged around for a livelihood to help their families secure food and rental fees.

At the same time, the Government of the Republic of Korea (South Korea) has contributed US\$ 500,000 to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) to promote safe spaces and healthy lifestyles for Palestine refugee children in Syria, benefiting approximately 45,000 boys and girls in UNRWA schools.



The contribution will go towards UNRWA efforts in Syria to develop safe, child-friendly and gender-sensitive health centers and schools; facilitate health education for Palestine refugee children; and guarantee healthy lifestyle counseling for Palestine refugee girls.

This latest contribution comes as part of South Korea's ongoing 'Better Life for Girls' initiative, which aims to provide quality education and strengthen health services for the most vulnerable girls in developing countries.



Palestinians of Syria: January 25, 2017 Statistics:

- *At least 3,423 Palestinians, including 455 women, were killed in war-torn Syria.*
- *1,146 Palestinian refugees, including 81 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 1,316 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 1,020 and 830 days.*
- *Residents of Handarat Camp, in Aleppo, denied access to their homes for 1,363 days. Government battalions have been holding sway over the camp for more than 96 days.*
- *Government troops ban residents of Al-Sbiena Camp from returning to their homes for 1,168 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.*