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Latest Developments

Scores of displaced families have submitted applications to return to their homes in Yarmouk Camp, in Damascus.

Reporting from Damascus, an AGPS correspondent said dozens of demands have been submitted at Yarmouk municipality and the office of Damascus Governorate by families wishing to gain access to their homes in the camp.



Along the same line, the General Company for Electricity in Damascus announced on September 24 a bid to carry out emergency excavations and replace damaged power ground wire in Yarmouk in accordance with technical and financial terms and conditions set by local authorities in this regard.

In a statement posted on its official website, the Power Company said those wishing to benefit from the tender should reach out to the company's supply department – office of foreign contracts to receive the required documents in exchange for 5,000 Syrian Pounds. Offers in this regard will be put forth in line with Law No. 51 of 2004 by Tuesday September 15. The final decision will be announced on September 16 at 11:30 a.m.



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Reports of theft have emerged after Syrian government forces grabbed hold of Yarmouk Camp and burglarized civilian homes. Pro-government troops stole electric kit, furniture, and wares, among other equipment.

The Syrian government forces regained control over Yarmouk Camp and southern Damascus towns following a 33-day military operation launched in April 2018. Dozens of civilians were killed and dozens more injured in the offensive. Over 60% of buildings have gone either totally or partially destroyed in the warfare.

Meanwhile, residents of Handarat Camp, in Aleppo, continue to sound the alarm over the security mayhem rocking the area.

Property-theft and burglary targeting civilian homes have increasingly been reported in the camp. Stolen materials include house furniture, ware, and power wires.

A resident said power wires have been stolen from a number of homes in Tarshiha and AlZeib neighborhoods. He held pro-government committees and AlQuds Brigade, affiliated with the Syrian government, responsible for the mayhem.



Palestinian refugees in Handarat Camp, in Aleppo, have been grappling with dire conditions due to the lack of humanitarian



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assistance and life-saving services. A severe water and power crisis also continues to rock the area. A massive destruction has been wrought on the infrastructure and civilian structures.

Heavy shelling on Handarat and bloody shootouts between the government forces and the opposition outfits led to the destruction of over 90% of buildings in the camp. The confrontations culminated in the government's takeover of the camp along with other areas in Aleppo and the displacement of its residents on April 27, 2013.

In another development, Palestinian poet and journalist from Syria Raed Wahsh, taking refuge in Berlin, has launched his first novel entitled Ice Year.

The novel narrates the dreams of an optimistic rural boy. The latter gets immersed into an imagined world of personal desires which took him back to the universe of a primitive adventurer wondering between the woods and caves in the hunt for food and security.



Born in Damascus in 1981, Raed Wahsh fled to Germany, where he has been working as a writer and journalist with news websites and newspapers. He has published several poetic works.



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In the meantime, Palestinian refugee Shukri Mohamed AlNaji has been enduring a mysterious fate in Syrian government jails for the fourth consecutive year.

Shukri, a resident of AlHusainiya Camp for Palestine refugees, was arrested near Khirbat AlShiyab, in Rif Dimashq, on February 10, 2015.

AGPS documented the secret detention of over 1,700 Palestinian refugees in Syria's state-run penitentiaries, where hundreds of others have also been fatally tortured.