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"Activists Hold the Syrian Government Responsibility of not Returning Husseneia Residents to their Camp. Two Palestinian Refugees from Al Aedein Camp were arrested, and another was released"



- Clashes and Shelling at Several Areas in Yarmouk in the 697 day of Siege
- Rising Food Prices Doubled the continuing suffering Neirab Residents in Aleppo
- Palestinians of Syria in Lebanon escalating their steps of protest
- "Thabit" calls "UNRWA" to undo the unjust decision against the Palestinians of Syria

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Recent Updates

Heavy shelling targeted different areas of the Yarmouk camp, where bombing targeted the vicinity of Al Rija square and the vicinity of Yarmouk high school for girls. The shelling coincided with confrontations and clashes described as "cruellest" at Palestine Street between the Syrian army alongside affiliated groups and ISIS alongside AL Nusra Front. ISIS continues to control about 70% of the camp in cooperation with the Nusra and some armed brigades in the camp.

In terms of live aspect, waste crisis still haunts the rest of residents of the camp due to the continuation suspension of relief and civil institutions work in the camp, and withdrew towards Yalda after ISIS storming, and the continuation of water cuts for the alleys and streets of the camp several months ago.

On the other hand, number of activists from Husseneia held the Syrian officials and those responsible for the reconciliation file, responsibility for not returning Husseneia residents to their homes and properties. Activists stressed that, despite the tens of appeals by the dignitaries of Husseiniya camp, to move seriously and to intercede with the Syrian government to allow them to return to their property and their homes, which they were forced to leave by the deteriorating security situation in the camp and its neighboring areas.

However, those appeals were broken by fragile meetings and promises, and delays by those responsible for the reconciliation of residents' return to Husseneia every now and then. The most recent fragile meeting held yesterday between the Minister of State for National Reconciliation with



the National Reconciliation Commission in Husseneia at Damascus suburb in the presence of Ali Mustafa, Director General of the General Authority for Arab Palestinian Refugees Foundation, Aziz Hussein, Managing Director of UNRWA, and Lena Mari Manager of Damascus area –UNRWA.

During the meeting ideas and mechanisms were discussed about the return of the Husseneia people to their camp, while activists stressed that the minister of national reconciliation in the Syrian government had promised Husseneia residents, during a television interview, to return to their homes during the first three months of 2015. Activists said, "Now, we are in the fifth month of 2015 and no one returned to the camp."

It is noteworthy that the regular army and armed Palestinian groups imposed their control of Husseneia camp and area since 17th of October 2013, where their checkpoints close the entrances to the camp and prevent residents from returning to it.

In the meantime, markets of Nairab camp in Aleppo witnessed a remarkable increase in food, vegetables, and fruits price, after clashes that broke out on the fronts of Azeiza, Shiekh Lutfi, and Shiekh Saed that led to the closure of Khanaser vital road of Aleppo city.

Residents of the camp are complaining of scarcity of fuel, especially diesel needed for operating private electric generators, which prompted residents to buy electricity from generators' owners after repeated power cuts. As well as, residents also suffer of high price of gas cylinder, which reached to around \$ 50.



Markets of Nairab camp in Aleppo

Turning to Homs, Syrian security forces arrested two Palestinian refugees from Al Aedein camp in Homs; they are: "Louay Hussein Mahmoud," at the end of his thirties, originally from Al Theib village in Palestine, during his return from the city of Tartous on 21st of May, and "Sulaiman Al Shabti," at the end of his thirties, originally from Safed city in Palestine, who was arrested on 18.05.2015, knowing that he died two years ago in the Syrian prisons after he went to Baba Amro neighborhood in Homs to check on his house .

Meanwhile, Syrian security services released the young man, "Abdo Ghannam" from Al Aedein camp in Homs, two days after being arrested; he is in his fifties, originally from Teirat Haifa village in Palestine.

Lebanon

UNRWA staff was prevented from enter and exit from the north camps in Lebanon; this step comes in the context of escalating steps that



Palestinians of Syria threatened with, as a reaction to the recent UNRWA's decision to suspend monthly cash assistance of sheltering allowance.

A state of boiling anger still prevails among Palestinian Syrian refugees who stressed that they will continue their peaceful mobilization until UNRWA undo its unfair decision against them, and to secure a decent life for them until they return to their camps in Syria, or to their homeland Palestine.

Within the context of escalation against UNRWA's decision, several Lebanese areas and Palestinian camps witnessed sit-ins events in which organizers condemned the decision of UNRWA, and demanded undo of this decision, and carry out their duties towards the Palestinian refugees in general, and especially those who came from Syria.



A sit-in in AlBeddawi camp against UNRWA decisions

In turn, Thabit Organization for the Right of Return expressed its strong dissatisfaction of the policy pursued by UNRWA for a long time; and by reducing the services provided to Palestinian refugees, and evasion of their responsibilities towards them, especially its recent decision against



the Palestinians of Syria in Lebanon, and announcing the stoppage of all its aid, including shelter allowance, which amounts to (\$ 100) for family and benefiting 12 thousand families, starting from July 2015.

The statement called UNRWA to rescind this decision immediately, to work hard to increase the assistance provided to Palestinian refugees from Syria in Lebanon, to provide all humanitarian services, and to provide them with legal protection in coordination with the Lebanese state authorities and the UN organizations similarly as to the Syrian refugees.

Numbers and Statistics till 25/5/2015

- *Thousands of Palestinian refugees escaped from Syria, including 10,687 refugees in Jordan, 51300 refugees in Lebanon, and 6,000 refugees in Egypt, according to the UNRWA's statistics till February 2015.*
- *At least 27933 Palestinian Syrian refugees have reached Europe during the last 4 years.*
- *The number of Palestinian detainees who were documented by the AGPS has reached 869 detainees, and 391 victims were killed due to torture in the Syrian prisons.*
- ***The Yarmouk Camp:*** - *Siege, imposed by the Regular Army and PFGC, continued for 697 days respectively. In addition, power cuts continued for more than 767 days, water was cut for 257 days respectively. The number of victims due to the siege has reached to 177 victims.*



- *80,000* Palestinian Syrian refugees escaped from Syria to the neighboring towns, including *10,687* refugees in Jordan, *51,300* in Lebanon and *6,000* refugees in Egypt, according to UNRWA statistics till February 2015.
- **Al Husayneyya Camp:** - Regular Army is still preventing the residents of the camp to return back to their houses for **578** days respectively.
- **Al Sbeina Camp:** - Regular Army is still preventing the residents of the camp to return back to their houses for **559** days respectively.
- **Handarat Camp:** - Residents have left the camp for **761** days after the Syrian Opposition Groups controlled it.
- **Dara'a Camp:** - It is now almost **404** days without water and **70%** of its buildings were demolished.
- **Jermana, AL Saieda Zainab, Al Raml, Al Aedein Camps in Homs and Hamma:** - A relatively quiet situation in light of the economic crises.
- **Khan Al Sheih Camp:** - Roads linking the camp to the city center are still closed except for Zakia- Khan Al Sheih road.