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"726 Palestinian Families from Syria Affected by Deadly Strike in Southern Lebanese Camp of Ein Al- Hilweh "



- **PLA fighter killed by sniper gunfire in Rural Damascus**
- **Al-Muzeireeb tutors condemn UNRWA's appointment mechanisms**
- **Khan Al-Sheih displaced community in Turkey launches cry for help**

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Victims

23-year-old Palestinian refugee Abdul Rahman Ihsan Rustum, from the Palestine Liberation Army (PLA), was gunned down by a sniper in Al-Uteiba area, in Damascus Suburbs.



According to local news outlets, Rustum was hit with a sniper bullet in his throat at the same time as five PLA officers were killed after an artillery shell was dropped on Al-Uteiba area.

AGPS documented the death of 198 PLA fighters since the outburst of the bloody Syrian warfare.

Several Palestinian refugees have been forcibly enlisted at the PLA. Those who object conscription are often subjected to abduction and torture. A number of breakaways also joined the armed opposition outfits.

Latest Developments

Over 726 Palestinian families from Syria sheltered in Ein Al-Hilweh Camp, to the east of the southern Lebanese city of Sidon, have been overwrought with the bloody strife rocking the shelter on a sporadic basis.



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On Wednesday, January 25, an exchange of gunfire between armed militias in Al-Zeib neighborhood took away the life of the Palestinian refugee Ahmad Qassim and left five others wounded.

The situation culminated in a state of lawlessness and lack of security, to which hundreds of Palestinian children, women, and elderly refugees have been subjected in Ein Al-Hilweh shelter.



Several socio-economic and health facilities also shut their doors as a result of the unabated tension that has been running high in the area.

Meanwhile, in letters emailed to AGPS under such titles as “Accepted here, Rejected there” and “UNRWA. . . Unheeded Cries for Help,” instructors at UNRWA schools in Al-Muzeireeb, in southern Syria, slammed the agency’s “iniquitous” appointment mechanisms.

The teachers wondered about the reasons why their names have not been included in the lists of the newly-tenured instructors.



The instructors further spoke out against the lack of transparency in the tenure process, saying such a privilege has been granted to those who were appointed in 2017 at the expense of those appointed in 2011.

According to the emailed letters, 205 instructors in Damascus branch received such tenure offers, compared to 12 only Deraa. None of such privileges were however granted to those teaching in Al-Muzeireeb, a home to the largest UNRWA schools in Deraa province.

Four UNRWA schools are located in Deraa: Ein Al-Zaytoun, Quds, Teraan, and Al-Abbassiya.

In response to the complaints, UNRWA said there are currently no vacancies available for Deraa teaching staff, in comments that triggered further tension in the area.

A number of UNRWA teachers were killed in onslaughts launched by the government battalions on Al-Muzeireeb.





The list of casualties includes 50-year-old Houriya Ahmad Al-Seid, who died of shrapnel inflicted by a blast near Ein Al-Zaytoun School.

The casualty worked as the head of the nursing staff in a UNRWA medical center in Al-Muzeireeb, in Deraa.

57-year-old Suzan Ghazazwa, an instructor at the UNRWA-run Al-Abbasiya School in Al-Muzeireeb, also died after an artillery shell hit her home in Deraa.

A massacre perpetrated by the regime army on Al-Zaytoun school and a local clinic run by the agency on February 18, 2014, also took away the lives of over 15 Palestinian schoolchildren.

At the same time, a barrel bomb dropped by the government forces near Teraan School on February 9, 2014, left 40 schoolchildren and four teaching staff members wounded.

Meanwhile, Palestinian families displaced from Khan Al-Sheih Camp to Turkey appealed to Palestinian relief institutions and NGOs to take urgent action vis-à-vis the tragic state of affairs they have been enduring in the Turkish metropolitan city of Istanbul.

The refugees launched cries for help over the acute dearth in much-needed foodstuff and life-saving medicines, along with their vulnerable legal status and their lack of access to market labor and education.

Last month, some 15 Palestinian families, comprising 90 members in total, reached the Esenyurt district of Istanbul province, fleeing the beleaguered Syrian shelter of Khan Al-Sheih. Seven other families have,



meanwhile, been taking shelter in southern Turkey while a number of other families have sought refuge on the Turkish-Syrian borders.

Palestinians taking cover in Turkey have been sheltered in small and under-equipped makeshift homes, overcrowded by up to four families each.

Palestinians housed in the area further raised alarm bells over their inability to catch up with the steep rental fees along with the water, power, and gas bills.

Lack of financial resources, high rates of unemployment, poverty, and poor working conditions in local factories have made the situation far worse.

Palestinians from Syria have often embarked on a journey fraught with much danger, trying to enter the Turkish territories. The refugees said they have been made to shell out up to \$1,800 per every single person to smugglers in an attempt to disembark in Turkey.

A number of children displaced from Khan Al-Sheih also expressed hope that they would pursue their academic careers in Turkey.

The Palestinian refugees in Turkey urged the Palestinian Authority (PA), chaired by Mahmoud Abbas, and the Palestinian Conference in Turkey, along with Fatah and Hamas movements to immediately step in and work on enhancing their socio-economic state of affairs before it is too late.



Palestinians of Syria: January 26, 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 1,021 and 831 days.*
- *Residents of Handarat Camp, in Aleppo, denied access to their homes for 1,364 days. Government battalions have been holding sway over the camp for more than 98 days.*
- *Government troops ban residents of Al-Sbiena Camp from returning to their homes for 1,169 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.*