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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



**"23 Palestinian-Syrians died in March 2018, while 19 died during the same month last year"**

- On World Health Day, a serious deterioration in the health conditions of Palestinian refugees in Syria
- The regime reopens the Babilla checkpoint, after the opposition's closure of the Orouba checkpoint in south Damascus
- A woman injured in a bomb explosion, near to Muzayrib in south Syria

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## Latest Developments

The Action Group's Monitoring and Documentation Team has announced that it has documented the death of 23 Palestinian refugees during March 2018, while there were 19 victims in the same month last year, as a result of the ongoing war in Syria.

The Action group indicated that the Palestinian victims who died in March 2018, were distributed across Syria as follows: 10 people died in the suburbs of Damascus, 8 in Damascus, three refugees died in unknown locations and two refugees died in Deraa, in south Syria.



While the Action Group noted that the 19 refugees who died in March 2017, were distributed across the Syrian cities as follows: 7 refugees died in Damascus, 4 were in the suburbs of Damascus, 3 died in Deraa, while 4 victims were in Aleppo and one person died in an unknown location.

AGPS said that the ongoing events in Syria since March 2011 negatively affected the Palestinian refugees living in Syria, on the economic, educational and living levels, and most dangerously on the health level.



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The Action Group added in its documentational report titled, “The Healthy Reality of the Palestinian Refugee Camps Amid the Syrian Crisis,’ that the prolonged Syrian crisis and the consequences of the destruction and siege on the Palestinian camps and gatherings, and the violations and limited freedom of mobility which have affected the medical staff, have led to the serious deterioration in the health of the wounded, the injured, the pregnant women and the ill. This reflected the disregard for the lives of civilians in Palestinian camps, who have become desperate for treatment and health care.

The report pointed out that most of the medical facilities in the Palestinian camps have not been spared by the attacks on them, either because of the bombardments, or the robbery and looting of its content. This has also affected the hospitals, clinics and the medical equipment shops, and the private clinics and pharmacies have been looted by some of the armed groups there.

The Action Group documented dozens of violations made by both sides of the Syrian conflict, against hundreds of Palestinian refugees, who have either died, been injured or gotten arrested, among medical personnel and paramedics. Dozens of doctors, nurses and pharmacists have been detained by the Syrian regime, simply for the suspicion of cooperating with patients, or providing treatment for the injured.

The Group documented the names of dozens of victims or detainees of medical staff members, who have died due to torture in the Syrian prisons, or are still detained. The Syrian regime continues to forcibly hide thousands of Palestinians in its detention centers.



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The group noted that the siege of the Syrian regime and its affiliated groups on Yarmouk camp, and the prevention of the entry of medicines and medical personnel, has led to the spread of diseases and epidemics, resulting in the death of more than 200 Palestinian refugees, because of hunger and lack of health care.



To conclude its report, the Action Group stressed on the application of the principle of protecting medical personnel; as stipulated by international laws, which requires that the parties of conflict respect the people participating in the armed conflict, protecting them and providing humane treatment, by preventing them from the dangers and suffering they may be exposed to.

In addition to facilitating the entry of medical assistance to the civilians, especially children's milk and medicines for people with chronic diseases; which will have a positive impact on the people in the camps and encourage the return to them, and allowing ambulances to transport critical cases.



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On its part, the Syrian regime forces reopened the Babilla-Sidi Makdad crossing, dividing between the towns of south Damascus and the capital, in conjunction with the opposition's closure of the Orouba crossing, linking between Yarmouk camp and the town of Yelda.

The Action Group's correspondent said, "The Babilla crossing is working again as it did previously, and the entry of all kinds of different goods and the materials that were missing from the markets, at their usual prices."

Yesterday, the Syrian regime closed the Babilla crossing amid reports that the Syrian opposition forces opened Al-Orouba checkpoint, according to media sources affiliated to the Syrian regime.

The Babilla-Sidi Makdad checkpoint is considered the only port left for the towns of south Damascus; Babilaa, Yelda and Beit Sahm, for the mobility of civilians, and the entry of commercial goods and necessities for the people. The Orouba crossing linking between Yarmouk camp and Yelda, is the only port for the camp, and its closure has aggravated the humanitarian suffering of the civilians besieged inside it significantly, especially regarding securing medication for the ill and the basic food necessities.

In another context, a woman was slightly injured yesterday, after a bomb exploded in the town of Muzayrib, in the south of Syria. The bomb was planted by unknown men, on the bumpy road leading to the Muzayrib lake. The bombings and assassinations in the south of Syria are a source of concern among the Palestinian refugees



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living there in general, and the residents of Muzayrib in particular, due to the high rate of assassinations which have targeted the residents of the area, especially that the people or party behind them are unknown, and in the light of the chaotic security situation in the region, the last of which was in the fourth month of this year.



### **Palestinians of Syria: April 08, 2018 Statistics:**

- The total number of victims documented by the Action Group is 3690, including 467 women
- 1674 Palestinians are locked up behind Syrian government's bars, 106 of which are women
- Yarmouk refugee camp is under the Syrian regime army and Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine's siege for 1,724 days in a row
- 206 refugees, mainly in Yarmouk Camp, have died due to lack of medical care and malnutrition
- Water supplies have been cut off Deraa Camp for 1460 days, and 1308 days in Yarmouk Camp



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- The Regime army has been in control of Handarat camp for more than 556 days. More than 80% of its buildings have been completely or partially destroyed.
- Approximately 85 thousand Palestinian-Syrian refugees fled to Europe by the end of 2016
- 31 thousand refugees are located in Lebanon
- 17 thousand refugees are sheltered in Jordan
- 6 thousand refugees are in Egypt