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"The Action Group for Palestinians of Syria warns of the consequences of the reduction of UNRWA's fund on the Palestinian refugees"

- Member of the Palestinian Liberation Army dies while fighting in the suburbs of Damascus
- Palestinian refugee dies due to gunfire in Tall Shehab, south Syria
- Bombardments using mortars and missiles target Yarmouk camp
- Violent clashes in south Damascus between ISIS and the Syrian regime
- Activists call for protests against the opposition's closure of the final port between Yarmouk camp and Yelda

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Victims

Palestinian man “Mostafa Omar Mohammed” from the ranks of the Palestinian Liberation Army and resident of the Neirab refugee camp in Aleppo, died while fighting alongside the Syrian regime forces in the town of Jisreen, in the eastern Ghouta area in the suburbs of Damascus.

According to AGPS’s Monitoring and Documentation Team, the number of Palestinian recruits from the Palestine Liberation Army who have been killed since the beginning of the war in Syria, has risen to 240 victims, noting that most of them died due to the fighting which broke out in different areas in Syria, most of which were in the suburbs of Damascus.



In the town of Tall Shehab in south Syria, 28-year-old Palestinian, “Mohammed Mahmoud Dayes Al-Khatba” died of a gunshot wound from an unknown source, which led to his instant death. The circumstances of the incident remain unclear so far.

Killings, assassinations and kidnappings have become a concern for the residents of south Syria, because of its large repetition in recent times.



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Latest Developments

The Action Group for Palestinians of Syria expresses its deep concern towards the output of the Rome Conference for UNRWA's Donor Countries, which was held on the 12th of March 2018, under the title, "Preserving Dignity and Sharing Responsibility – Mobilizing Collective Action for UNRWA." 90 countries participated in the Conference, in addition to the UN Secretary-General, the Commissioner-General of UNRWA, the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States and other international figures. The Conference highlighted the clear shortcomings in the reduction of UNRWA's budget deficit, which continues to jeopardize the provision of essential humanitarian services to more than six million registered Palestine refugees, suffering from fragile humanitarian conditions in other countries hosting refugees.



The Action Group draws attention to the ongoing suffering of Palestinian refugees in Syria and those displaced to the host countries, and the risks that would result from the cessation of aid, because of the financial deficit, that will lead to a deterioration in the living and humanitarian conditions of approximately 440,000



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Palestinian refugees registered with UNRWA in Syria, 31 thousand Palestinian-Syrians in Lebanon and 18 thousand Palestinian-Syrians in Jordan, who are relying primarily on UNRWA for its basic humanitarian services such as food, shelter, health and education, after their lives became hell, as a result of the Syrian crisis, which extends from March 2011 until now, and the consequences it has caused including displacements and impoverishment of refugees.

The Action Group demands the international community, represented by the United Nations General Assembly, not to deny the Palestinian refugee issue and to take on its responsibility towards them and provide the necessary support to save UNRWA, considering it one of the witnesses on the ongoing refugees' case since the Palestinian Nakba in 1948 and the lifeline of more than six million refugees. The Action Group also calls upon the international community to take the initiative to allocate a stable and sustainable budget to UNRWA, to protect it from any pressure exerted on it by the donor countries or the Israeli occupation, which seeks to end UNRWA's work in preparation for the cancellation of the right of Palestinian refugees to return to their homes, from which they were expelled.

In the meantime, the Action Group's correspondent in south Damascus reported the bombardment of Yarmouk camp with mortars and missiles, causing damage and destruction to the civilian houses.

Our correspondent said that the Palestinian factions affiliated to the regime launched a number of missiles and mortar shells towards the



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neighborhoods of Yarmouk camp and Al-Hajar Al-Aswad, ISIS's stronghold. He added that Street 30 in Yarmouk camp is being bombarded with the regime's tanks.

ISIS had expanded its areas of control in Yarmouk camp, where it imposed its control on Haifa Street in Yarmouk camp, which previously belonged to Hayat Tahrir Al-Sham or Al-Nusra Front.

In the same context, the Action Group's correspondent in south Damascus, reported that violent clashes occurred between the Syrian regime forces and the Palestinian factions affiliated to it, in a number of areas and neighborhoods in the south of Syria.

Our correspondent added that the areas included the Martyrs' Sector in Yarmouk camp and Al-Salekha axis in the Tadamon neighborhood, with the sound of explosions. The regime fired heavy machine guns and bullets into the area.

The Qadam neighborhood witnessed more violent clashes where ISIS targeted the Syrian regime forces and its mechanisms stationed in it. A tank and a BMP vehicle were damaged by two rocket-propelled grenades during those battles.

ISIS controls the neighborhoods of Yarmouk camp, Al-Assaly, Tadamon and Al-Hajar Al-Aswad since 2015, which has led to the isolation of Al-Qadam neighborhood from the towns of south Damascus, (Yelda, Babilla and Beit Sahn) which are controlled by the armed opposition factions.



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In a similar context, a number of activists in south Damascus called for protests near the Nakheel checkpoint, located between Yarmouk camp and Yelda, in response to the Public Authority of the town of Yelda's decision to close the checkpoint between Yarmouk camp and Yelda, which is considered the final port for the residents of the camp to communicate with the neighboring towns and to receive food and medical supplies.

In its statement two days ago, the Authority stated that based on the special session, number (2), which was held on 13th of March 2018, the checkpoint will be completely closed within 48 hours, and that it is forbidden to enter the wounded and the dead members of ISIS and Al-Nusra to the town, and calling them on the minarets of mosques.

According to the statement, the security office and the Mujahideen of Yelda gathering have been assigned to apply the conditions of the decision completely, stressing that it will not accept intercession and mediation from any party or person whatsoever, after the expiration of the deadline mentioned above.





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The closure of the checkpoint comes amid inhuman conditions for the Palestinian civilians, because of the siege imposed by the Syrian regime and the Palestinian factions affiliated to it, in addition to ISIS's violations. The Syrian opposition's closure of the checkpoint between Yarmouk camp and Yelda will only aggravate the human suffering of the remaining refugees in Yarmouk camp.

Palestinians of Syria: March 16, 2018 Statistics:

- The total number of victims documented by the Action Group is 3674, including 465 women
- 1673 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 1,702 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 1438 days, and 178 days in Yarmouk Camp
- The Regime army has been in control of Handarat camp for more than 533 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