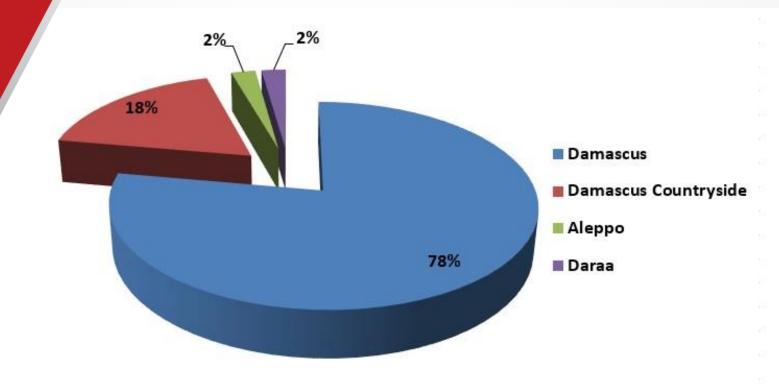


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# التقرير اليومي الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية

Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



## "45 Palestinian-Syrians died in April 2018"

- Two Palestinian refugees die as a result of the war in Syria
- Explosive barrels and air raids on Yarmouk camp, and violent clashes on all its axes
- Urgent call to save over 15 civilians buried under the rubble in Yarmouk camp
- The displaced from Yarmouk camp organize a sit-in in the city of Al-Bab in Aleppo, and make an appeal
- Facebook closes the "Yarmouk Camp News" page



#### **Victims**

Palestinian "Bassel Mahmoud Al-Hajja" has died of his wounds in Yarmouk camp, while fighting against ISIS. He was injured on 8/4/2016 and remained his hospital until he died on Friday 6/5/2016. He was a member of the pro-Syrian regime, Free Palestine Movement, and previously joined a number of fighting fronts in Damascus and its suburbs.

While Palestinian refugee "Bassam Al-Najy" died after the Syrian regime bombarded one of the cellars in Street 15, in the besieged Yarmouk camp.

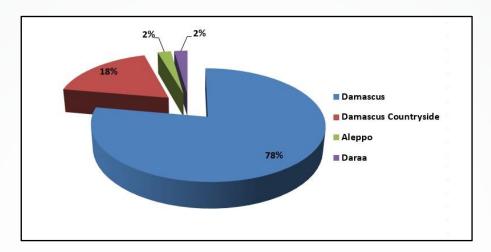


## **Latest Developments**

The Action Group's Monitoring and Documentation Team announced that 45 Palestinian refugees died in April 2018, of which 20 people died of gunshot wounds, 18 died as a result of the bombardments, 3 died in unknown locations, 2 people were executed, 2 people were subjected to torture in the Syrian regime prisons, one person died of sniper shots and another died in an explosion.



The Action Group indicated that the Palestinian victims who died in April 2018 were distributed across Syria as follows: 35 people died in Damascus, 8 in the suburbs of Damascus, one person died in Aleppo and one refugee died in Deraa.



In south Damascus, the Syrian and Russian warplanes launched air raids on Yarmouk camp and Al-Hajar Al-Aswad, targeting the sites and headquarters of ISIS with explosive barrels and rockets, killing a number of people in the ranks of ISIS. This coincided with the outbreak of violent clashes on the Martyrs' Sector axis in Palestine Street, the Orouba Street axis and Al-Tholathaa Street in Al-Tadamon and Al-Hajar Al-Aswad neighborhoods, in which all kinds of heavy and medium weapons were used. There were a number of victims and injured among the ranks of the Syrian regime forces and the pro-regime Liwaa Al-Quds battalion, as well as ISIS.

On its part, ISIS's Aamaaq Agency reported that 37 members of the Syrian regime forces were killed in an attack they launched on ISIS's sites, including one person they had captured and executed.



On their part, activists stated that there are still many civilians stranded in their houses or in the cellars, noting that two of those cellars are under the rubble and there are no information about their residents' conditions and their numbers. Leaving their houses in such conditions and heavy bombardments, is an unaccountable gamble.

While local sources reported that a Palestinian refugee died and dozens of women and children were wounded, after the Syrian regime forces bombarded one of the cellars in Street 15 in Yarmouk camp. A child named "Sarah" died the day before yesterday of a head injury she received during the heavy bombardment which targeted one of the cellars in the Ja'una neighborhood in the camp.

For their part, the residents of Yarmouk camp and Palestinian activists appealed to the institutions, the Palestinian and Syrian Red Crescent and the civil defense institutions, to save more than 15 civilians trapped in one of the cellars under the rubble of the destroyed buildings, in the besieged Yarmouk camp.

Last Saturday, the Syrian regime bombarded one of the cellars sheltering civilians in Yarmouk camp, with rocket-propelled grenades and explosive barrels, leading to the death of two Palestinian refugees and the injury of more than 15 refugees, most of which were women and children.

The activists and the residents of the camp demanded that the competent authorities and those who can help the wounded, be allowed to enter the three neighboring towns of the camp, and treat them as needed. They also called for the provision of civil defense



teams to remove debris and exhume bodies inside the cellars in the camp.

In north Syria, the Palestinian refugees displaced from the southern towns of Yelda, Babilla and Beit Sahm to the Syrian north, organized a sit-in in the city of Al-Bab in Aleppo, against the lack of basic services in the shelter centers that they were forcibly displaced to, as well as the absence of the minimum living and housing supplies. The Turkish authorities insisted on placing them in mixed and unequipped mass camps, under the pretext that the Afrin camps had reached their maximum capacity.



The protestors which suffer from great difficulties in coping with the new and bitter reality they are living, called on the Turkish authorities, the Palestinian factions and authority and the United Nations, to find a solution to their crisis and to provide shelters equipped with basic services, especially that there are elderly people, children, women and patients among them.

In the same context, 300 Palestinian refugees who have been displaced from the southern towns of Damascus are still stranded in



the town of Qabasin, in Al-Bab city in Aleppo, refusing to enter the Shamiran Camp, calling on the Turkish authorities to allow them to join the first batch of Palestinians in the Deir Balout camp, in the Jandris area in Afrin.

On the other hand, the management of the social networking site "Facebook" closed the "Yarmouk Camp News" page, which reports the news of the Palestinian camps in general, and Yarmouk camp for Palestinian refugees in Damascus in particular.

The working team behind the "Yarmouk Camp News" page, which had exceeded more than 78 thousand likes and followers, clarified that the closure was caused by a reporting campaign aimed at targeting the page, after the images of destruction and shelling of Yarmouk camp were published on it, noting that the page's activity will continue on their backup page.

The team stated: "They destroyed Yarmouk camp and besieged and starved its people. Now they want to silence the camp's voice." Activists noted that a number of news pages that are concerned with reporting the news of the Palestinian camps in Syria, have been subjected to similar campaigns.

On its part, pages close to the Syrian regime commented on the closure of the pages, saying: "Yarmouk Camp News and The Camp is the Eye of the Truth, have been closed for broadcasting sedition and terror in the hearts of our people," accusing the pages and the teams behind them of destroying the camp and vandalising the houses.



### Palestinians of Syria: May 06, 2018 Statistics:

- The total number of victims documented by the Action Group is 3735, including 467 women
- 1676 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 1,752 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 1487 days, and 1336 days in Yarmouk Camp
- The Regime army has been in control of Handarat camp for more than 583 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, while 31 thousand refugees are estimated to be in Lebanon, 17 thousand refugees are sheltered in Jordan, 6 thousand refugees are in Egypt, 8 thousand refugees are staying in Turkey, and one thousand Palestinian-Syrians are in Gaza.