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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"ISIS detains a number of civilians after opening the Yarmouk-Yelda crossing"

- 185 Palestinian families in Deraa camp are living without aid or services
- Palestinian "Magdy Hamdan" under Syrian security detention for third year
- Fate of Palestinian farmer "Manhal Hodayda" remains mysterious following his kidnap days ago.

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Latest Developments

ISIS arrested a number of civilians in south Damascus for the possession of cigarettes. According to our correspondent, members of ISIS searched the civilians returning from Yelda town to Yarmouk camp and detained a number of men and women after finding cigarettes with them, which ISIS finds violating to the laws it has imposed in south Damascus.

There were reports that ISIS would impose sanctions including skinning those who have previously committed "offense" and the first-time imprisonment of its perpetrators.



Meanwhile, ISIS is continuing its tightening procedures on the residents of Yarmouk camp and those besieged in Rijh Square, as well as Heifa and Soforeya Roads which lie west of the camp.

Yesterday afternoon, ISIS reopened the crossing between Yarmouk camp and Yelda, after closing it in the morning and banning residents and students from leaving the camp and heading to the neighboring towns, without providing clarifications for this step.

For his part, activist Abdullah Al-Khatib, Director of Al-Wattd Center, spoke about the suffering of Yarmouk camp's residents, as a



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result of the continued closure of the only port that provides the people with the necessary food supplies to continue living there, in a video that circulated on a number of Facebook pages.

He pointed out that the practices of ISIS inside Yarmouk camp are part of the general policy pursued by it to evacuate the camp from its population and push them out of it, in order to take over the camp completely.

The remaining residents of Yarmouk camp are suffering from extremely tough humanitarian conditions as a result of the siege imposed on the camp and the closure of all ports and roads to the Syrian capital Damascus. The Syrian regime has imposed a total siege on Yarmouk since mid-2013.

It also recently closed Al-Qadam Road that provided the camp with food and medicine, and finally Yelda crossing was closed due to the deteriorating security condition between ISIS and the armed Syrian opposition groups in Yelda.

In the meantime, almost 185 Palestinian families in Deraa camp's suffering is aggravating daily, because of the ongoing war in Syria and its consequences. According to AGPS, 256 refugees have died during the war and approximately 70% of the camp's buildings have been destroyed, as a result of the bombardments made by Syrian air raids and mortar shells.

The Syrian army continues to cut off water from the camp for more than 1,310 days, prompting the residents to provide drinking water



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from the wells despite the pollution, which led to the spread of digestive and skin diseases.



The residents of the camp suffer from a severe shortage of medicines and emergency staff. The camp does not have any medical center or even an ambulance to transport wounded or sick people, so the patients have to be taken to the neighboring areas of Al-Sad Road or Deraa for treatment, despite the danger on the roads.

This coincides with UNRWA's disregard for this and its failure to provide food and medical assistance. The same applies to the Syrian opposition groups that control the region and the discrimination practiced by these groups between the camp and other areas, in terms of services and securing drinking water, food and medicine.

The deteriorating situation in the camp, the acts of sniping, shelling and neglect, have pushed a large number of residents to leave their homes, in search for areas that are safer and more stable, either in Syria or immigrating abroad.

In another context, Syrian security continues to detain 34 year-old, Palestinian refugee, “Magdy Hamdan Abdo,” after being arrested at Al-Gaweya barrier in Al-Mezzeh, Damascus on 14-01-2014. Since his arrest, no information has been provided about him.



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He is a sports teacher and resident of Khan Al-Sheih refugee camp in the suburbs of Damascus.

AGPS receives a number of messages and information about Syrian refugees and are

successively documented despite the difficulties in obtaining information about the fate,

names and locations of the detained as the Syrian regime continues to reserve such data. To this date, AGPS has recorded the detention of 1640 Palestinians in the Syrian prisons, including 103 women.

In another context, the fate of Palestinian refugee “Manhal Hodayda” remains mysterious, after being kidnapped on Al-Muzayrib Road - Tal Shehab, on 30-10-2017, by people who were in a car with unclear specifications.



According to our correspondent, Hodayda is from the Al-Saytarya clan and is well known as an active farmer with great manners and a pleasant reputation among his society. Until now, no information or reports have been revealed about him.



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The number of kidnapped Palestinian refugees since the beginning of the war in Syria has reached 59 people.

Palestinians of Syria: November 6, 2017 Statistics:

- The total number of victims documented by the Action Group is 3607, including 462 women
- 1640 Palestinians are locked up behind Syrian government's bars, 105 of which are women
- Yarmouk refugee camp is under the Syrian regime army and Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine's siege for 1,573 days in a row
- 202 refugees, mainly in Yarmouk Camp, have died due to lack of medical care and malnutrition
- Water supplies have been cut off Deraa Camp for 1310 days, and 1150 days in Yarmouk Camp
- Residents of Handarat Camp, in Aleppo have been banned from their homes for 1,646 days. Government troops have taken over the camp for more than 397 days.
- 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
- 8 thousand refugees are staying in Turkey
- One thousand refugees are present in Gaza