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## الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية

Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"The Action Group documents the names of 40 Palestinians who have died since the start of the military campaign on Yarmouk camp"

- Civilians in Yarmouk camp make an appeal from under the rubble, to save their lives
- On the impact of the air raids, violent clashes break out between the regime and ISIS in the south of Damascus
- The Action Group: 23 civilians and 22 Palestinian militants were killed in Syria during April 2018



## **Latest Developments**

The Action Group's Monitoring and Documentation Team revealed that it documented the death of 40 Palestinian refugees, since the Syrian regime first launched its military campaign on Yarmouk camp and the southern region, and until the 8th of May.

The Group noted that among that 40 victims, 16 Palestinian civilians died, and 24 Palestinian militants were killed, of which 10 were from the Fath Al-Intefada Movement, 2 were members of the Free Palestine Movement, a member of the General Command, a Palestinian fighter from the ranks of the tenth division in the Syrian army, three members of the Palestinian Liberation Army, a fighter from Hayat Tahrir Al-Sham and 5 others whose affiliations were not known.



In the same context, more than 45 civilians stranded under the rubble of their houses in Yarmouk camp for Palestinian refugees, appealed to all human rights institutions, civil defense organizations, the Palestinian Red Crescent and the International



Red Cross, to save their lives and get them out of the rubble caused by the heavy bombardment of the camp, with explosive barrels and rockets.

On their part, activists and residents of the camp called on specialists and those who can help, to work saving the lives of the refugees trapped under the rubble and treating them, and to secure civil defense teams to remove the debris and withdraw the civilians.



The Syrian regime bombarded one of the cellars sheltering civilians in Yarmouk camp, on Saturday, May 5, with rocket-propelled grenades and explosive barrels, leading to the death of two Palestinians and the injury of over 15 others, most of which were women and children. Large numbers of the documented refugees remain under the rubble.

There are no ambulances or civilian defense teams inside Yarmouk camp for Palestinian refugees, due to the suspension of most relief and community institutions from working inside the camp since ISIS took control of it in April 2015, and the ongoing siege imposed by the Syrian regime and the factions affiliated to it.



In another context, the town of Al-Hajar Al-Aswad, neighboring to Yarmouk camp for Palestinian refugees in Damascus, witnessed the outbreak of violent fighting between the Syrian regime forces and ISIS, in conjunction with the air raids targeting Yarmouk camp and Al-Hajar Al-Aswad.

According to sources counted on the Syrian regime, members of the regime managed to enlarge the areas of their control in the neighborhoods of Al-Hajar Al-Aswad during the past hours, announcing their near approach to the headquarters of ISIS in the neighborhood. At the same time, the regime's army was able to expand the area dividing Yarmouk camp and some of the neighborhoods of Al-Hajar Al-Aswad from the rest of ISIS's areas, which suffocated them.



The regime forces' helicopters bombarded Yarmouk camp and the neighborhoods of Al-Hajar Al-Aswad and Al-Tadamon, after midnight on Monday, with explosive barrels, where the Syrian aircrafts dropped a number of explosive barrels on different areas in the region, causing material damage. This coincided with the



outbreak of confrontations between ISIS and the Syrian regime forces and the factions loyal to it.

Returning to the Palestinian casualty statistics, the Action Group revealed that the number of victims who died during April 2018 was 42 refugees, including 23 civilians (51.11%) and 22 militants (48.89%).

The Group noted that most of the 23 civilians died in Yarmouk camp, as a result of the military campaign launched by the Syrian regime on the camp and its surrounding areas. The 22 militants died while fighting alongside the Syrian regime forces, and included two members of the Palestinian Liberation Army, two members of Liwaa Al-Quds, 5 members of the Fath Al-Intefada Movement, a fighter from Hayat Tahrir Al-Sham and a member of the Free Palestine Movement.

## Palestinians of Syria: May 08, 2018 Statistics:

- The total number of victims documented by the Action Group is 3736, 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 1,754 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 1489 days,
  and 1338 days in Yarmouk Camp
- The Regime army has been in control of Handarat camp for more than 585 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.