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## الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية

Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



" ISIS surprises 'Hayat Tahrir Al-Sham' in west Yarmouk camp, takes control over a number of its sites, and deaths among its ranks "

- A member of the Palestinian Liberation Army dies in the eastern Ghouta
- Deraa camp targeted with 6 mortar shells
- UNRWA withdraws its decision to stop its financial aid to the Palestinians in Syria
- Relief aid distributed to the Palestinian refugees in Turkey



#### **Victims**

Media sources close to the Syrian regime have reported the death of Palestinian refugee "Qassem Darwish," a member in the ranks of the Palestinian Liberation Army, while fighting alongside the Syrian regime forces in the ongoing clashes in the eastern Ghouta.

AGPS's Monitoring and Documentation Team confirmed the rise of the toll of the Palestinian soldier victims from the ranks of the Palestinian Liberation Army, who have died since the outbreak of war in Syria, to 233 victims. Most of the victims have died while fighting in different areas across Syria, mainly in the suburbs of Damascus.



### **Latest Developments**

Members of ISIS surprised the members of 'Hayat tahrir Al-Sham,' in the west of Yarmouk camp on Sunday, by launching a surprise attack on them and taking control over a number of the 'Hayat's' sites, in addition to killing and injuring a number of its members.

According to the Action Group's correspondent, violent clashes occurred on Sunday afternoon between ISIS and 'Hayat Tahrir Al-



Sham,' resulting in ISIS taking control over the headquarters of the Palestinian Charitable Association, Abd Al-Qader Al-Hossini School and a nursery adjacent to the Abd Al-Qader Al-Hossini School, which belongs to 'Hayat Tahrir Al-Sham.' He added that the fighting led to the death of 5 members of 'Hayat Tahrir Al-Sham,' and the kidnapping of 3 others.



On its part, the Aamaq Agency, affiliated to ISIS, confirmed that members of ISIS hung up 3 bodies of the 5 who died, at the roundabout in Al-Hajar Al-Aswad, the neighborhood which is ISIS's main stronghold.

In south Syria, the Action Group's correspondent reported that the regime forces bombarded neighborhoods in Deraa camp, using 6 mortar shells, adding that the shelling caused damage and destruction to the residents' houses.

This comes amid the security tension witnessed in the areas under the opposition's control, due to the Syrian regime's attempts to advance at the expense of the opposition.



In addition, Deraa camp suffers from extremely harsh health and living crises, especially with the continued electricity and waters cuts in the camp, as well as the extreme lack of medical supplies in the camp and the halt of most of the medical services.

On its part, UNRWA withdrew the decision it took yesterday, to stop giving its financial assistance to the Palestinian refugees in Syria, as a result of the pressure exerted by the General Organization for Palestinian Refugees in Damascus.

UNRWA justified the decision to stop cash assistance, which was scheduled today and priced at 28 thousand Syrian pounds per person, as a result of financial deficit it suffers.

The General Organization for Palestinian Refugees in Syria said that it got in touch with the Director General of UNRWA in Syria, and that after extensive discussions and lengthy and varied contacts, the agency agreed to distribute its cash assistance on time.

During its discussion on the seriousness of the cessation of aid to Palestinian refugees, the organization stressed on the importance of distributing its cash assistance on time, noting that the solution to the financial crisis should not by any means, be through stopping its aid and services to the Palestinian refugees.

Nicky Healy, the United States Delegate to the United Nations had previously threatened to stop and cut the financial support provided to the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA), each year.



In another context, the European Al-Wafaa campaign distributed food parcels, cash assistance and winter covers to the Palestinian-Syrian families in south Turkey, which are living in the cities of "Mersin, Adana, Ottomanya, Reyhanlı and Antakya," as part of its "Together for a Warm Winter" campaign. The campaign also met with the 570, Palestinian families living there.



## Palestinians of Syria: January 14, 2018 Statistics:

- The total number of victims documented by the Action Group is 3638, including 463 women
- 1644 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 1,642 days in a row
- 204 refugees, mainly in Yarmouk Camp, have died due to lack of medical care and malnutrition
- Water supplies have been cut off Deraa Camp for 1379 days, and 1219 days in Yarmouk Camp



- The Regime army has been in control of Handarat camp for more than 477 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
- 8 thousand refugees are staying in Turkey
- One thousand refugees are present in Gaza