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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"UNRWA demands guaranteeing the lives of civilians in Yarmouk camp"

- Resident of Sabinah camp dies in the suburbs of Damascus
- Anwar Abd El-Hady: The few upcoming days will witness a final conclusion of the case of Yarmouk camp
- ISIS forces the remaining residents of Yarmouk to follow legitimate courses
- The Action Group's documentational report: 16 medical staff of Palestinian origins died since the beginning of the war in Syria



Victims

Resident of Sabinah camp, "Mazen Zaal Moussa Al-Abdallah" has died in Duma, in the suburbs of Damascus. Media pages close to the Syrian regime stated that Al-Abdallah was kidnapped in the neighborhood of Barzeh, in 2016.

The Action Group has documented the death of 67 Palestinian refugees from Sabinah camp, since the beginning of the war in Syria.



Latest Developments

UNRWA demanded all sides of the ongoing conflict in Syria, to exercise maximum restraint, in order to ensure the preservation of civilians and take measures to prevent unnecessary damage to the civil infrastructure.

UNRWA's spokesperson, "Samy Meshaashaa" stated that: "The human condition inside the camp is extremely difficult and has been rapidly deteriorating for a long time. This comes in conjunction with the shrinkage of food and medical supplies. There is no water



running and the electric current is extremely weak, and the medical care options are very limited while no doctors are left in the region."

"Meshaashaa" noted that: "The Agency's administration is following up on the security developments in the region and inside Yarmouk camp," describing the events as "worrying." He called on all sides of the conflict to give the civilians who want to flee the areas of conflict, an opportunity to leave safely and peacefully.



He added: "Medical evacuations and safe access should also be allowed for the distribution of life-saving assistance, which include food and medicine, to all civilians trapped inside Yarmouk and its adjacent areas; Yelda, Babilla and Beit Sahm."

There are about 12000 Palestinian refugees in Yarmouk camp and its surrounding areas; Yelda, Babilla and Beit Sahm, and according to UNRWA's estimations, have been besieged since 2011 when the armed opposition groups moved to them. UNRWA categorizes these areas as hard-to-reach areas.



Within context, Director of the Political Department of the Palestine Liberation Organization in Syria, Anwar Abd Al-Hady, said in a statement to media sources close to the regime that, "The next few days will witness a final conclusion to the case of Yarmouk camp," adding that an entrance will be open for the exit of the "armed" and those who want to settle their statuses. As or those who want to stay, and are not involved in any issues, the country does not mind their presence.

Abd Al-Hady indicated that the decision of the Syrian state is that no civilian is touched, and it will protect the camp and the civilians inside it at the time. He stressed that now it the time for the final warning for the armed fighters in Yarmouk camp, either to settle their situation or to go to areas that receive "those similar to them," as he put it.



Abd Al-Hady had previously stated that the fate of Yarmouk camp is in the plan of the Syrian state, in order to end the presence of armed fighters in the surrounding areas of Damascus, completely. However, how and when cannot be identified now, but there are



ongoing efforts being made in order to remove weapons and armed fighters from the camp and Al-Hajar Al-Aswad. Today, the fighters have two options; either to settle their situation or leave, as what happened with the rest of the Syrian areas. The efforts are being made and the solution is very close.

Military crowds of the Syrian regime forces and the "National Defense Forces," headed to the Tadamon neighborhood, the entrance of Yarmouk camp, Al-Qadam neighborhood and the town of Hijera, in preparation for a new military operation aimed at controlling the entire southern region; Yarmouk camp, Tadamon, Al-Hajar Al-Aswad and Al-Qadam, in which ISIS and Hayat Tahrir Al-Sham have dispersed their forces. While Liwaa Al-Quds had previously announced that it prepared about 5000 members to take control of Yarmouk camp and expel ISIS from it, in addition to the presence of the Palestinian factions affiliated to the regime and the Liberation Army, which are centered at the entrances of Yarmouk camp and the hall buildings in the Zahera neighborhood, adjacent to the camp.

In the besieged Yarmouk camp, ISIS issued a decision forcing all the remaining civilians in the camp, to follow legitimate courses, indicating that anyone who fails to do so, will be subject to accountability and punishment.

On its part, the armed Syrian opposition factions in Yelda considered any civilian who enrolls in these courses, among the ranks of ISIS, and will be arrested and prevented from entering Yelda through the Orouba crossing.



On their part, the people have fallen between the jaws of ISIS, which practices serious violations against them if they do not obey its demands, and the tightening of the Syrian opposition forces, which threatened to completely close the Orouba crossing, linking between Yelda and the camp, which will negatively affect their living conditions.

These legitimate courses are considered ISIS's intellectual weapon in the areas it controls, where it is one of the most activities ISIS wants to spread, to publish its thoughts and beliefs through them. ISIS is trying by all means to subjugate the largest number of people to the courses, in order to influence them intellectually and earn their loyalty, by tucking its ideas under a religious and legitimate guise.

The legitimate course ranges between a period of two weeks to three months, depending on each course, and it consists of the principles of jurisprudence and doctrine in addition to the provisions of jihad, which have a good share of the duration of the session.

In another context, the Action Group for Palestinians of Syria revealed in its documentational report titled, "The Health Reality of the Palestinian Refugee Camps Amid the Syrian Crisis," which was issued in the beginning of this month, that 16 Palestinian refugees who were medical staff members, died because of the ongoing war in Syria. They are; "Osama Amin Al-Ghoul," "Khaled Kamal Attia," "Khamis Aziz," "Ahmed Nawaf Al-Hassan," "Bassel Mostafa Sweed," "Mahmoud Abu Abdallah," "Maher Mazaal," "Ahmed Kamal Farahat," "Diab Hussien Mhanna," "Mahmoud Hamarna,"



"Yasmine Ahmed Abd El-Baqy," "Yehia Abdallah Horany Abu Sohaib," "Ahmed Al-Qadimy," "Ibrahim Abu Shakra," "Mohammed Aly" and "Ibrahim Aly Al-Sheikh Tayeh."

The Action Group clarified in its documentational report consisting of 54 large pages, that the medical facilities in the camps and the Palestinian communities in Syria, have not been spared from the bombing or the targeting. The Group monitored dozens of violations made by all sides of the conflict in Syria, against the hundreds of Palestinian refugees who died, got injured or were arrested, among medical personnel and paramedics.

The Action Group also stressed on the prolongation of the Syrian crisis and the negative impact on the Palestinian camps and gatherings, as a result of the destruction and siege, as well as the violations and limited mobility and movement that have affected the medical personnel, leading to a serious deterioration in the health conditions of the wounded, the injured, pregnant women and the sick, and reflected the disregard for the lives of civilians in the Palestinian camps, who are in dire need of treatment and health care.

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http://www.actionpal.org.uk/ar/reports/special/health_status_pa_lestinian_ar.pdf



Palestinians of Syria: April 15, 2018 Statistics:

- The total number of victims documented by the Action Group is 3696, including 467 women
- 1674 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 1,732 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 1467 days, and 1316 days in Yarmouk Camp
- The Regime army has been in control of Handarat camp for more than 564 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.