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"Palestinians living in south Syria suffer difficult humanitarian and security conditions after violent clashes between ISIS and the opposition"

- Jaish Al-Islam reveals reason behind closure of crossing between Yarmouk camp and Yelda
- UNRWA announces start of distribution of financial aid to Palestinian refugees in Syria in its fourth round of 2017
- Jafra continues to offer its services to displaced families from Yarmouk camp
- Palestinian-Syrians demand an emergency relief plan for them during their sit-in in Beddawi camp, located in north Lebanon

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Latest Developments:

The Palestinian refugees living in the western Yarmouk Basin, south of Syria, are suffering difficult humanitarian and security conditions due to the continuous violent clashes between ISIS and the opposition groups.

The western Yarmouk Basin area, which includes camps and Palestinian gatherings, saw violent clashes and confrontations between the Khaled ibn Al-Walid battalion, one of the armed factions affiliated to ISIS and armed Syrian opposition groups.



Our reporter confirmed that the Khaled ibn Al-Walid battalion launched a violent and unexpected attack, the day before yesterday, in an attempt to take control of the areas dominated by the Syrian opposition. It used heavy, middle and light weapons; however the Syrian opposition factions confronted it and thwarted its progress.

Our correspondent added that a state of tension and anticipation spread among the residents and some villages and towns, such as



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Al- Muzayrib town, imposed a night curfew in case of any surprising bombardments by ISIS.

Palestinian refugees also suffer from lack of financial resources, widespread unemployment and shortage of aid, as well as poor health conditions, which have greatly impacted their children's education.

The Yarmouk Basin area had witnessed a wave of displacement as a result of the intensified fighting between ISIS and the armed opposition factions.

In the meantime, Jaish Al-Islam, in south Damascus, revealed the real reason behind its decision to close Al-Orouba crossing between Yarmouk camp and Yelda.

Jaish Al-Islam explained that it had sent an intermediary with a letter of demands, to negotiate the opening of the crossing with ISIS, including vows made by ISIS to not target any civilians in Yelda and at the crossing, to stay away from students and teachers, to neutralize the crossing between Yelda and Yarmouk camp from any military conflict and not to target the crossing, which is considered a humanitarian crossing.

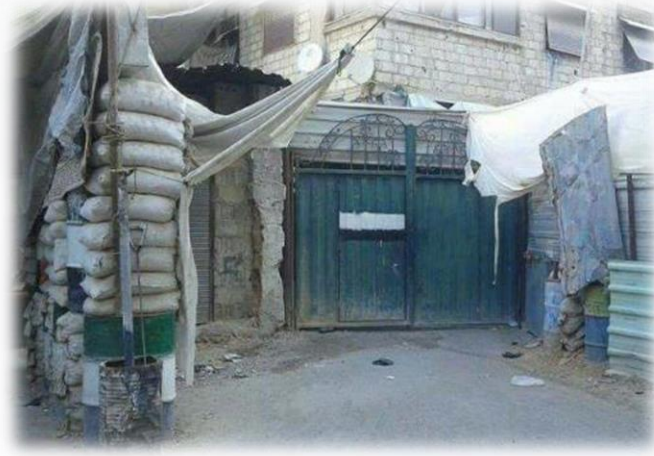
According to Jaish Al-Islam, ISIS's leader refused these demands, did not care about them and stuck to his decisions, thinking that the civilian organization and Palestinian entities will pressurize the opposition factions to reopen the crossing as they did before.

Jaish Al-Islam added that it will keep the crossing closed until ISIS obeys the demands sent by the intermediary and that it will not give



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up to any pressure by anyone. This is because ISIS breached the agreements concluded by several contractors, including neutralizing the crossing and not targeting it.



In the same context, the Syrian opposition factions published a video the day before yesterday, showing its members targeting ISIS at the axis of Al-Orouba Street between the town of Yelda and Yarmouk camp, with a guided artillery shell.

The barrier between Yarmouk camp and Yelda has been closed for the third consecutive day, as a result of ISIS's snipers targeting civilians and which led to the death of one of Yelda's residents.

In another context, UNRWA announced its intention to distribute financial aid to Palestinian refugees in Syria, in its fourth round for 2017, starting from October 22nd 2017 (except for Aleppo which will start on the 26th) until December 7 2017.

UNRWA also confirmed that it will send mobile phone messages to the eligible families in order to receive the financial assistance, noting that the last day to register the complaints of the families in



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Syria in order to obtain the aid during the fourth round is 16 November 2017.

UNRWA added that an amount of 25,000 Syrian pounds will be given per household member for the normal cases and 12,500 Syrian pounds will be paid per household member for the registered families that are living in shelter centers. It called on the families to review its inquiries centers in the Syrian cities for further assistance on the financial aid.

The Jafra Foundation for Relief and Development in south Damascus continues to offer its services to the families who were displaced from Yarmouk camp to the neighboring towns of Yelda, Babilla and Beit Sahm, after ISIS took control of the camp in April 2015.

The Foundation's volunteering team continues to clean up the lanes and streets in those towns that are home to more than 2000 families from the camp.

Palestinian refugees in Syria are living under difficult and tragic conditions amid the displacements, the rise of prices, the spread of unemployment and the high rents, as well as the arrests and deaths due to the ongoing conflict.

In north Lebanon, during their sit-in in front of the UNRWA director's office in Beddawi camp, the Palestinian refugees demanded a comprehensive emergency relief plan for all Palestinian refugees from Syria to Lebanon and that winter aid be provided, as well as the increase of shelter and relief assistance.



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During a speech it made amid the sit-in, the committee called for monitoring the file of the displaced Palestinians from Syria demanded UNRWA to undertake its duties towards refugees in general and those displaced from Syria to Lebanon in particular.

A number of Palestinian factions and popular committees participated in the sit-in, as well as a crowd of residents from Beddawi camp and the Palestinians displaced from Syria.

The number of Palestinian refugees from Syria living in Lebanon is 31 thousand refugees, spread across the Palestinian gatherings and camps.



Palestinians of Syria: October 19, 2017 Statistics:

- The total number of victims documented by the Action Group is 3601, 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 1,555 days in a row



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- 200 refugees, mainly in Yarmouk Camp, have died due to lack of medical care and malnutrition
- Water supplies have been cut off Deraa Camp for 1292 days, and 1132 days in Yarmouk Camp
- Residents of Handarat Camp, in Aleppo have been banned from their homes for 1,628 days. Government troops have taken over the camp for more than 379 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