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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



### "ISIS bans teachers from leaving Yarmouk camp amid clashes with the opposition"

- Member of the "General Command" dies in the eastern Ghouta clashes
- UNRWA condemns the death of two Palestinian children in Jaramana, in the suburbs of Damascus
- UNRWA announces the date of individual data checks for Palestinians in Syria
- Holland donates 2.3 million dollars to support the Palestinian-Syrian students in Jordan

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## **Victims**

Palestinian, “Murad Nimr Sharifa,” a member of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine General Command, died on 28th of February 2018 while fighting alongside the Syrian regime forces, in the ongoing clashes in the eastern Ghouta region in the suburbs of Damascus.

On its part, AGPS confirmed that it has recorded the death of 3662 Palestinian refugees since the beginning of the war in Syria.



## **Latest Developments:**

The Action Group’s correspondent in south Damascus, reported that ISIS banned the teachers from leaving Yarmouk camp to the neighboring town of Yelda. He added that ISIS asked teachers to review its security office inside the camp, where ISIS will decide on the upcoming procedures it will take against them, under the pretext of “being sinful and in need of repentance.”

In the meantime, the educational process deteriorated during 2017, as a result of the unfair decisions that were made by ISIS, through



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which it tightened its procedures against teachers, negatively affecting approximately 1500 students in Yarmouk camp. On 3rd of August 2016, ISIS issued a decision to close all schools inside the camp, and banned the teaching staff from working except through ISIS. This decision came after ISIS called in all the teachers in Yarmouk camp, to inform them of a number of decisions regarding the educational process for the academic year 2016-2017. ISIS also asked the teachers wanting to work as civilians and without being related to ISIS, to register their names within a week, with a monthly salary of 25000 Syrian pounds, which is equivalent to \$50.

The students and teachers were also threatened to enroll in schools of ISIS's will and held the parents accountable for not applying for their children in ISIS's schools, vowing to punish or deport anyone who disobeys its decisions.



In the beginning of the new academic year 2017, the same practices continued, however intensified in terms of restrictions on teachers and students and scrutinizing the vocabulary of the school curriculums, describing them as “infidel.” On the 19th of December 2016, the first day of schools in Syria, ISIS banned the opening of



the schools for the students of the camp, and limited their attendance to two schools; one for the boys near the Ibrahim Khalil Mosque in Al-Orouba neighborhood in the south of the camp, and another for the girls in Al-Hajar Al-Aswad, which is ISIS's stronghold in the south of the camp. ISIS imposed new curriculums it had prepared.

ISIS also issued a decision to prevent students and teachers living in Yarmouk camp from leaving to the town of Yelda, to continue their education. After the parents and camp's representatives intervened, it later withdrew its decision, however, it continued to intimidate and put pressure on the students by allowing the residents, without the students, to pass through the Yelda - Yarmouk camp checkpoint, while banning the students of all ages to cross. This came amid a systematic policy followed by ISIS against the students of the camp, using flimsy excuses to try to justify its unhuman actions. Yarmouk camp witnessed ISIS's tightening of its procedures against the students of the camp who go to continue their education in the alternative schools in the towns adjacent to the camp, where its members confiscated many books and school supplies from the students.

In another context, clashes between ISIS and the armed opposition factions broke out yesterday, at the Salikha axis in the Tadamon neighborhood in the south of Damascus, with no injuries reported. Meanwhile, the meeting points between ISIS and Hayat Tahrir Al-Sham witnessed a cautious calm.



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ISIS continues to drill and isolate the lines of contact between it and Tahrir Al-Sham, in addition to the meeting points at the outskirts of the town of Yelda, which are controlled by the opposition factions.

In the meantime, the regime's army and the Popular Front Groups - General Command, continue to impose their strict siege on Yarmouk camp for the 1687th consecutive day.

In another context, in the strongest possible terms, UNRWA has condemned the incident, in which a bombardment with mortars killed two children from Palestine, near to the Jarmana camp for Palestinian refugees, which is located 8 km from Damascus.

The 14-year-old and 14 and a half-year-old boy, who are students in UNRWA's schools, were killed on their way back from school. Both students were displaced from Yarmouk camp in Damascus. Two other students, aged 14 and 15 were injured in the same incident. Our hearts and feelings are with the families and friends of victims in societies that have been severely affected by the conflict.



UNRWA noted that as a result of the deterioration in the security situation, it was forced to suspend school attendance and suspend the distribution of food in many areas throughout and around



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Damascus. More than 27,000 children will be directly affected by the closure of schools, many of whom will suffer continuing trauma from the violence.

UNRWA stressed that it remains committed to providing quality education to the 47000 students in Syria, who despite the war, still have access to the education provided by UNRWA.

The two Palestinian boys who died are; 14-year-old “Qosay Haitham Hamady Mohammed,” and 15-year-old “Bahaa Al-Din Mohanad Hamady Mohammed,” from the Palestinian Shamlana clan and residents of Yarmouk camp. They died on 20/02/2018, after a mortar shell fell on the Jaramana area in the suburbs of Damascus.

They were hit by shrapnel from a mortar shell fired by the Syrian armed opposition on the town of Jaramana during their return from Rama School; the ‘Rabih Dawood Alternative School,’ which belongs to UNRWA. They were in the third preparatory class.

UNRWA announced that in coordination with the General Authority for Palestinian Arab Refugees, that it will conduct an audit on the individual data of the Palestinian refugees benefiting from the cash assistance and living in Syria, during the first cycle of food assistance distribution for 2018.

UNRWA clarified in its statement, that the goal for this procedure is to update the residency data and the current addresses of the Palestinian families, in order to facilitate their access to the financial and food assistance from the closest point to their current residence,



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noting that it will start to implement its procedures starting from the 5th of March to the 21st of May 2018.

Regarding the papers required to update the data of their current residence, UNRWA stated that it requires the original copies of the following papers to be provided by the Palestinian refugees: the original home ownership contract, the original lease contract, government issued identification card, valid hosting minutes, security approval for housing, a recent residency support and a recent telephone bill on behalf of the holder.

UNRWA stressed that in the event that the original version of the documents could not be submitted, a telephone bill, electricity bill or a new water bill must be brought in the name of the holder.

According to UNRWA, the Palestinian families that receive relief assistance will be required to bring their personal ID and UNRWA's ID, noting that it will not provide the food basket if the required papers are not completed. It will also inform those families of the date and distribution center by text message on their mobile phones.

According to UNRWA statistics, of the 560,000 Palestinian refugees living in Syria before the war, about 450,000 refugees remain inside it, of which more than 95% are in desperate need of the humanitarian aid in order to stay alive. About 43,000 of them are trapped in confined areas that are difficult to reach.

UNRWA confirmed that more than 120,000 Palestinian refugees from Syria had fled the country, including more than 30,000 Palestinians who immigrated from Syria to Lebanon, as well as



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17,000 Palestinians who headed to Jordan, where they are facing a worrying and marginalized presence.

In a similar context, UNRWA announced that the Kingdom of the Netherlands granted \$3.2 million, to support UNRWA's Palestinian refugee students in Jordan, who came from Syria. The donation included general maintenance work for approximately 82 school buildings, including 141 schools working on the two-shift system in addition to providing school furniture and educational tools to serve these schools.

The ceremony held at Zarqa Preparatory School for Girls included distributing 1500 bags and school supplies to the Palestinian students coming from Syria, who are benefiting from the Agency's educational services in 141 schools in Jordan.

For her part, Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Amman, Barbara Joseas said in her speech during her speech, that "UNRWA's support to continue to provide services to the targeted and vulnerable groups in Jordan and those coming from Syria is very important for the Kingdom of the Netherlands. We, in the Dutch Embassy in Jordan, focus particularly on children because they are the future and need equal opportunities to develop their energies. Therefore, one of the priorities of our program is to ensure access to quality education within a safe environment. Through several projects, the Kingdom of the Netherlands aims to provide protection against exploitation, during the difficult times for this category of Palestinian refugees and those coming from Syria.





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In the meantime, the Action Group noted in its documentary entitled "The Palestinian Student... Reality and Prospects" that UNRWA's statistics revealed that there are 778 Palestinian refugees from Syria, registered at the beginning of the academic year 2016-2017 in 127 of its schools, who receive their education until the end of the tenth grade, which is UNRWA's last class of free education.

Students from Syria in Jordan can also enroll in the Agency's education and technical and vocational training programs, that provide short-term courses and direct professional guidance services to support the Palestinian refugees from Syria, and the Palestinian refugees in Jordan. 27 Palestinian refugees from Syria in Jordan have benefited from it.

### **Palestinians of Syria: March 01, 2018 Statistics:**

- The total number of victims documented by the Action Group is 3663, including 465 women
- 1672 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 1,687 days in a row
- 205 refugees, mainly in Yarmouk Camp, have died due to lack of medical care and malnutrition
- Water supplies have been cut off Deraa Camp for 1423 days, and 163 days in Yarmouk Camp



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- The Regime army has been in control of Handarat camp for more than 518 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