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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"Terrifying stories transmitted by a refugee who survived the regime's bombardment on Yarmouk camp"

- Battles between ISIS and the armed Syrian opposition in the Yarmouk Basin
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- A communal Iftar for people with special needs for the displaced from Yarmouk camp to Qudsaya

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Latest Developments

The Action Group for Palestinians of Syria reported the testimony of a refugee who miraculously escaped death. The refugee recounted what happened to her and a group of women during the last days of their presence in Yarmouk camp, where they sustained serious injuries due to the heavy shelling that targeted all the neighborhoods of the camp.

"We were a group of women in four cellars in Yarmouk camp in Damascus, when we were hit by two consecutive missiles, causing the death of a woman and wounding 12 other women and five children," she said. After we were transferred to the hospital, the hospital came under rocket fire, which destroyed the building above the patients. We were about 40 patients and about 11 children died under the rubble."



The refugee added: "Before we reached the hospital, we lived in the cellars for about two months. We were afraid for our children from the heavy bombardments of the Russian and Syrian warplanes. They used all kinds of weapons, as well as rockets and explosive hoses,



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each of which destroyed a whole lane with its buildings. At times, hoses were thrown at buildings, destroying them completely, in addition to the continuous bombardments with artillery shells and rockets, which fell in dozens, and the smoke and thermal bombs that affected the children in largely. We were living under the bombardments without water, food, bread, medicine or hygiene kits for children. We did not have any of the ingredients of life.”

Regarding the injuries of women who are now in the Maarrat hospital in north Syria, since about ten days ago, the refugee says:

"One of us was in a coma with a skull fracture. She was the mother of three children who died from the shelling. Her 10-year-old daughter was hit by shrapnel. One patient was still in intensive care so far, and a third suffered from a skull wound and eye and ear injuries. The fourth has a ruptured left shoulder and fractures in the pelvis, the fifth has fractures in the back and is the mother of three children in addition to an infant. The sixth had broken her right hand and put sheets, while a child was hit in the head and fractures in her leg. A child was wounded with shrapnel in the head and eye. A woman was also hit with her mother and seven children, and another woman's daughter was injured and died with a large number of bruises.”

All refugees now in Maarrat Hospital in north Syria are subject to follow-up treatment according to the hospital facilities, in the absence of any role of UNRWA or the PLO institutions, which are in charge of the Palestinian refugees in Syria.



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Meanwhile, the Yarmouk Basin area in Deraa, witnessed violent clashes between the armed Syrian opposition factions and the Khalid bin Al-Waleed Brigade, affiliated to ISIS, in which medium and heavy weapons were used, resulting in casualties between the two sides.

It is worth noting that hundreds of Palestinian families living in the town and camp of Jileen, located in the area of the Yarmouk basin in the western suburbs of Deraa, are suffering from difficult security and humanitarian conditions, amid a state of great anxiety and turmoil as a result of the ongoing clashes and mutual bombardments.

Meanwhile, the Syrian security released the refugee "Marilyn Amjad Zoriki" from Deraa camp for Palestinian refugees in south Syria, yesterday, after her detention for three months.

The Action Group for Palestinians in Syria has documented the detention of 1677 Palestinian refugees by the Syrian regime, including 106 females.

In another context, relief organizations and institutions concerned with the relief and protection of refugees have warned against the consequences of sheltering children and adolescents, in "anchor centers" for refugees, which the German Interior Minister Horst Wefer spoke about. It is similar to the shelter camps for the new refugees since the beginning of their arrival in Germany until the issuance of the decision to seek asylum. If the request is rejected, the refugee is forcibly displaced.



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The German DW quoted Mika Ribao, a spokeswoman for Save the Children, as saying that based on the available information on internal plans and visits regarding this issue, the “anchor centers” are not suitable places for children and adolescents.

Ribao stressed that the rights of the children and underaged must be respected in all procedures, including the right to go to school and nursery and to provide a safe and healthy environment in which the child grows.” “The best interests of the child must be a priority before the political and security considerations,” She added.

In a joint statement, 24 organizations and associations in charge of family affairs and child protection called on the federal government, local governments and municipalities in Germany, to address the rights and well-being of children when discussing this matter.



According to Deutsche Welle, German Interior Minister, Horst Wefer, is planning to build six centers of refuge and deportation, to be home to the asylum seekers in Germany by next September. According to the German news agency DPA, only Bavaria and Saarland Islands are ready to set up such centers.



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According to the Interior Plans, refugees over the age of 18 and without a family can stay in these centers for up to 18 months, while the period for families is only six months.

Local Work Committees:

The Charitable Association for Palestinian Relief organized a communal Iftar for the people with special needs and their families, who were displaced from Yarmouk camp to the Qudsaya area - Jaffa Foundation for Social Development, in the suburbs of Damascus.

As part of the Social Welfare Program projects, the Association also organized a group Iftar for the Palestinian children in Qudsaya, which included recreational activities and child support programs.

The Palestinian refugees in Syria suffer from extremely harsh living conditions, due to the ongoing war, the displacement of thousands of refugees, the spread of unemployment and the lack of resources.

