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"The Syrian regime detains 60 Palestinians during their exit from Yarmouk camp and demands a shotgun in return for the release of each person"

- A Palestinian refugee dies while fighting alongside the Syrian regime forces in Al-Qadam
- Shelling and continuous clashes in Yarmouk and the regime raises its flag above the camp court
- An open letter from the besieged in Yarmouk camp to the leaders of the Palestinian people
- Activists: the implementation of the agreement on the exit of armed opposition factions from the towns of south Damascus will begin tomorrow
- BBC: Education rates in Yarmouk camp are highest in the Middle East

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Victims

Palestinian refugee “Hussien Shaaban,” a member of the tenth band in the Syrian army, has died while fighting alongside the Syrian regime forces in Al-Qadam neighborhood, south of Damascus.

The Syrian regime is waging a fierce military campaign against Yarmouk camp, Al-Qadam and Al-Hajar Al-Aswad neighborhoods, since the 19th of April. At least 33 Palestinian refugees have died in the campaign.



Latest Developments

The Syrian regime forces arrested 60 Palestinian refugees, mostly women and children, while they tried to depart through the Orouba checkpoint, dividing between the besieged Yarmouk camp, in the direction of the three towns of Yelda, Babilla and Beit Sahm, demanding a shotgun in the return of the release of each person.

For their part, a number of activists and the people of Yarmouk asked the negotiating committees to stand in front of their last



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responsibilities in the region and move heavily to secure the civilians who refused to leave their houses, despite the difficult circumstances surrounding them, in addition to the extensive bombardments they have been subjected to recently.

Yesterday, Yarmouk camp witnessed continued air raids the outbreak of violent confrontations between ISIS and members of the Syrian regime forces and the Palestinian factions affiliated to it. The clashes erupted on more than one point of contact between the town of Yelda and Yarmouk camp, and most medium and heavy weapons were used. The regime's tanks centered near to the Omahat Al-Moemenen Mosque in Yelda, targeted the Palestine roundabout and Al-Tadamon neighborhood with a number of mortars, which caused major destruction to the civilian houses.



For his part, the official Syrian state television broadcast images showing its members raising the flag over the building of the Yarmouk camp court, south of Damascus.



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According to what was published, the entry of members of the regime to the court area, came after the withdrawal of the fighters of Hayat Tahrir Al-Sham, according to the so-called first stage of the agreement between the regime and Hayat Tahrir Al-Sham, which resulted in the departure of 200 fighters from Tahrir Al-Sham - previously Al-Nusra.

The remaining members of Yarmouk camp sent an open letter to the PLO, the Palestinian factions and embassy, the national action groups and the Palestinian Refugee Authority, demanding that those parties assume their responsibilities towards the besieged people of in Yarmouk, and to intervene in order to keep them in their homes, especially after the agreements concluded by the Syrian regime with the armed factions in the south of Damascus and Hayat Tahrir Al-Sham. They stressed that 14 days in to the heavy shelling which has affected the trees and humans, they remain steadfast in the camp, which is suffering from catastrophic humanitarian conditions, in the absence of the basic elements of life, and the presence of many bodies under the rubble for several days, waiting to be evacuated.

They pointed out that many families displaced from Yarmouk camp to the towns of south Damascus, have no shelter and are living in the open air, accusing the PLO, the Palestinian factions and UNRWA of failing to provide assistance to those families. In the conclusion to their statement, they demanded that a delegation of the 14 Palestinian factions be sent to Yelda, to see their situation and their unknown fate, pointing out that the suspicious



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silence of all Palestinian officials without exception, will lead people to leave in the buses with the gunmen, and you are responsible for their direction, stressing the need to refuse the exit of any Palestinian from the three towns (Yelda - Babilla - Beit Samah) to the accommodation centers in Damascus under any circumstances.

In the meantime, activists told the Action Group that the exit of the members of the armed Syrian opposition groups will begin on Thursday 3/5, where the members will leave with their families in the direction of north Syria.



Our correspondent added that the agreement stipulated that the first batch of the opposition fighters in the towns of south Damascus, will be on Thursday at 8:30 am, and that the exit will take place in batches. About 50 buses and 6 cars belonging to the Syrian Red Crescent will head to Jarabulus, while the evacuation process will continue on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Within context, our correspondent in the south of Damascus said that the preparations for the exit began since yesterday morning, where the bulldozers removed the berms in the Beit Sahn area, in



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preparation for the entry of the buses to deport the fighters of south Damascus. A large number of men and families began registering their names to leave south Damascus. Their numbers are estimated at thousands.

In another context, Al-Arabiya channel broadcasted a report in which it said that the education rates in Yarmouk camp for Palestinian refugees in south Damascus, established in 1957, according to the BBC channel, is the highest not only in Syria, but in the Middle East, adding that the war in Syria forced more than 80% of its residents to flee. Also, the siege imposed by the Syrian regime forces and the Palestinian factions affiliated to it, as well as ISIS's control over the camp since 2015, have compounded the suffering of those living inside it.

The Action Group for the Palestinians of Syria confirmed that despite the siege, shelling and the destruction and looting the schools in Yarmouk camp were subjected to, the residents of the camp's will to live and learn have overcome some of the difficulties that stood before the continuation of the educational process, noting that the educational process in Yarmouk camp witnessed great winding, as a result of ISIS and Al-Nusra Front imposing their control and own agendas on the camp, where they issued unfair decisions that narrowed the screws on the teachers, and negatively affected about 1500 students inside the camp.



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Palestinians of Syria: May 02, 2018 Statistics:

- The total number of victims documented by the Action Group is 3732, 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 1,748 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 1483 days, and 1332 days in Yarmouk Camp
- The Regime army has been in control of Handarat camp for more than 579 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.