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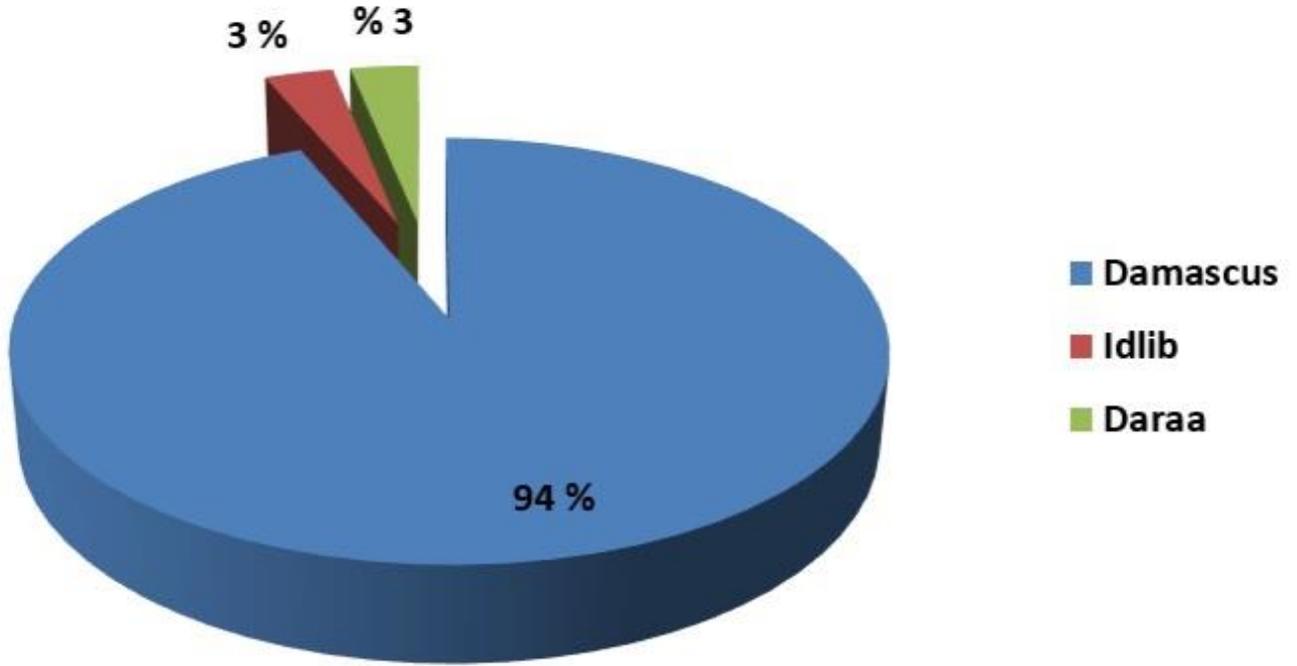
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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"32 Palestinian-Syrians died in May 2018"

- Members of the regime continue to loot and steal the houses of civilians in Yarmouk camp
- Pro-regime groups vow to burn the homes of Yarmouk camp
- UNRWA provides additional cash assistance to Yarmouk camp residents
- Nine migrants drown off the Turkish coast of Antalya
- For the fifth year.. Palestinian "Alaa Al-Saad" forcibly disappeared in Syrian prisons
- Distribution of Ramadan baskets to the Palestinian-Syrians in south Turkey

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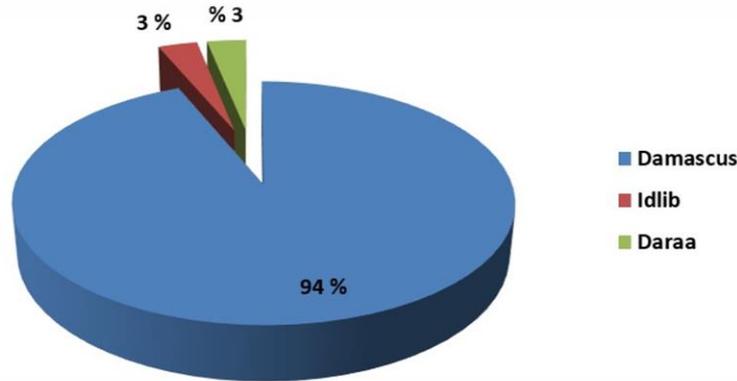
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Latest Developments

The Action Group's Monitoring and Documentation Team announced that 32 Palestinian refugees died in May 2018, including 20 who died in the bombardments, 8 died of gunshots, two refugees were executed, a refugee died in an explosion and another person died because of the siege and the lack of medical care.

The Action Group noted that the Palestinian victims who died during the month of May, were distributed across Syria as follows: 30 refugees died in Damascus, one refugee died in Idlib and another died in Deraa.



In the meantime, members of the Syrian regime continued to steal and loot the civilian houses in Yarmouk camp and the neighboring areas, which have fallen into the control of the regime since 21st of May, in a phenomenon that has become known as defamation.

On its part, media pages close to the Syrian regime published pictures showing its members while stealing Yarmouk camp and Al-Hajar Al-Aswad. According to the media outlet, dozens of vehicles



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carrying stolen items are still leaving to Damascus on a daily basis, through the Palestinian militias loyal to the regime and groups of the Fourth Division and the Republican Guard.

A Palestinian refugee from Yarmouk camp said: When he first visited his house, the regime allowed the residents to enter the camp and found the contents of his house. However, when he entered the camp again, his house was completely empty of furniture. He also found members of the Syrian regime removing the ceramic tiles from the kitchen, noting that when he requested that they leave the tiles, they hit him and threatened to kill him.

Many of the residents of Yarmouk camp confirmed to the Action Group that they were subjected to harassment and extortion by the members of the regime's army at the checkpoints and the factions affiliated to it, where the members at the checkpoints threaten and harass the residents as they pass through the checkpoints and are forced to pay money to allow them to cross with their furniture and belongings outside the camp.



Media sources quoted eyewitnesses that if the required amounts are paid at the checkpoints, it is possible that the person who wants to



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transfer the furniture may be subjected to banditry by the desired officers and members, without any possibility of rejection, for the fear of arrest or summary execution. This happened to the child “Mahmoud Al-Bakr,” who was killed by the members of the regime on 25-05-2018 in cold blood, for attempting to ban them from taking the contents of his home in Al-Orouba Street in Yarmouk camp, in front of the eyes of some members of the General Command and the Fath Al-Intifada Movement, which are both loyal to the Syrian regime.

The pro-Syrian Free Palestine movement also vowed to those who burn the houses in the destroyed Yarmouk camp to account for them, without explaining the reasons behind the burning.

The movement said it had obtained the names of three people accused of burning, adding that it has installed points for its members inside the camp, along with other Palestinian factions loyal to the regime.

On the other hand, eyewitnesses told our correspondent that a number of the residents of the camp had burned their homes during the last days, in response to the campaigns of looting and defamation, and their inability to remove their furniture without paying royalties to the regime and groups loyal to it.

On its part, the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in Syria (UNRWA) announced its provision of additional cash assistance to the families of the destroyed Yarmouk camp. The news pages concerned with the aid provided to Palestinian refugees, confirmed that the Agency would provide 30,000 Syrian pounds



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(approximately \$ 68) to each of the families that recently left the camp.

The Agency added that UNRWA would send text messages on the mobile phones of the residents of Yarmouk camp, to inform them of the locations and dates of distribution in the upcoming days.

On their part, the residents of the camp commented on the assistance saying that it was like piles of ash in the eyes, and that such an amount would do nothing to the families whose houses were destroyed and looted by the Syrian regime. The refugees also lost millions of pounds. A number of refugees demanded that the Agency assume its responsibilities for the reconstruction of the camp and the return of the displaced to their destroyed and damaged homes.

In another context, nine irregular migrants died yesterday after a boat sank off the coast of Antalya in south Turkey. A statement by the Turkish Coast Guard said that it had recovered the bodies of nine migrants, including two men, a woman and six children, noting that the teams managed to cooperate with the fishermen in the area to save five others that were on the sunken boat. The search is ongoing for a person who is thought to be missing, since the wooden boat carried between 14-15 people.

Maritime rescue workers had warned yesterday of going to the Island of Castellis, at which the boat sank, due to bad weather and rising tides in the region.

Meanwhile, Syrian security services continue to arrest Palestinian refugee "Alaa Al-Saad" for the fifth year, without



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information about his fate. He was arrested on 8-11-2013 and was born in 1986. He is a resident of Al-Hajar Al-Aswad in Damascus.

The Action Group's documents indicate the detention of 1677 refugees, with unknown fates. The Group also confirms that the actual number is much greater than the announced, in view of the lack of official statistics, as well as the fear of some of the detainees' relatives from disclosing the matter.

In Turkey, the Kheir Umma Foundation distributed Ramadan baskets to the Palestinian families displaced from south Syria to Turkey as part of its campaign, "Ramadan Al-Kheir."



According to the organizers, the distribution included families living in the cities of Adana, Ottoman, Iskandarun, Karkhan, Antakya and Rihaniyah. 350 families benefited from the support provided.

Informal statistics indicate that the number of Palestinian-Syrian refugees in Turkey is approximately 8,000, of which the majority live in difficult conditions and suffer from the lack of job opportunities and low wages.