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"The regime with its bombardments and siege and ISIS with its violations prevent the students of Yarmouk camp from the right to education"

- Yarmouk camp's security office announces the start of the registration of the patients wanting to be treated outside the camp
- Security institutions affiliated to the regime recruit Palestinian refugees to fight
- UNRWA: The American Administration did not inform us of a change in its funding

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Latest Developments

The students of Yarmouk camp for Palestinian refugees in Damascus are experiencing doubled suffering, since the siege and bombardments of the regime on their camp has prevented them from their right for access to the system's educational curriculums, in their schools inside the camp. A number of UNRWA's schools in the camp have been subjected to direct bombardment, in addition to the displacement of thousands of the camp's residents, due to the bombardments and siege. All of the above, have led to the halt of the educational process inside the camp.

The alternative schools inside the camp were they only option in front of the residents of the camp. Activists and volunteering teachers in the camp, opened some of the schools.



However, ISIS's control over the camp since the beginning of April 2015, came to increase their suffering. Members of ISIS practice continuous violations practiced against the students in the camp, by imposing its thoughts by force on the students both in terms of their uniform and educational materials. It also closed the alternative



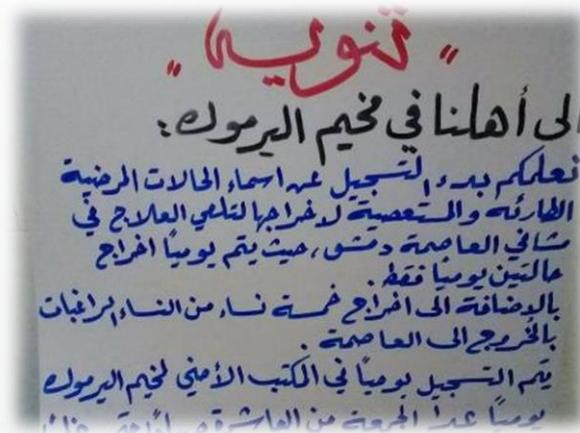
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schools completely, forcing the students to move to the alternative schools in the neighboring towns of Yelda and Babilla, which are under the control of the Syrian opposition.

These days, ISIS is imposing tightening procedures on the movement of students, by searching them before leaving and returning from their schools, through the Yelda-Yarmouk camp checkpoint. The tightening includes searching their school bags and checking their school books to see what is written inside them.

On their part, activists in Yarmouk camp called for the necessity of neutralizing the civilians and the need for the intervention of the international bodies, UNRWA and UNICEF in particular, to put an end to the tragedy of the students of Yarmouk camp.

In a similar context, the security office in Yarmouk camp - an office affiliated to the Syrian opposition factions in Yelda - has announced the beginning of the registration process, for the ill patients inside Yarmouk camp for Palestinian refugees in Damascus, to coordinate transferring them from the camp to the capital's hospitals, for treatment.





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According to what has been announced, two ill patients will be allowed to leave per day, as well as five women who want to leave the camp and head to the capital, Damascus.

The office also announced that the registration times are from 10am to 2pm every day, except Friday.

AGPS's correspondent however, could not obtain any information about the mechanism through which the names will be chosen or the exit process will occur.

All of the hospitals and medical clinics in Yarmouk camp have completely gone out of service, due to the strict siege imposed by the Syrian regime and the Palestinian factions affiliated to it.

In another context, activists have accused security and military institutions affiliated to the Syrian regime, of recruiting Palestinian youth to fight with it, alongside the Syrian regime forces, in return of a monthly salary, in addition to forming groups loyal to it, to practice its agendas the benefit those institutions on the land.

At the top of these institutions are the Syrian Republican Guard and the 4th Armoured Division, in addition to security and military groups under the name "National Defense," as well as groups affiliated to the Syrian Air Force Intelligence, the "Palestinian Branch," and the "Region Branch."

The Palestinian youth targeted are in the areas of Al-Zahera, Jarmana, Khan Donone camp, Sayeda Zeinab camp, as well as those displaced from Yarmouk camp, Sabinah and other camps. In the suburbs of Damascus, the areas included Sahnaya, Jdaydet Artooz



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and the other Palestinian camps under the regime's control, such as Neirab, Handarat, Hama and Homs.

One of the activists "Walid Abu Khaled," (a nickname) is a Palestinian refugee working for one of the groups titled "National Defense," stated that after being displaced from Yarmouk camp, they found themselves in security wells, with members of the Syrian army and security. Under pressure, security threats and terrorism, members of the groups told them that "you are with us or against us." Walid says that he could not find any other option than to volunteer in one of the groups, especially that he is unable to leave the country. He confirmed his enrollment in one of the headquarters affiliated to the "National Defense."

In another context, UNRWA's spokesperson, Samy Meshaashaa, confirmed that the Agency had not been directly informed by the American Administration, of its decision to freeze its financial funding for UNRWA, and that even the media did not highlight the story.

Meshaashaa announced in a statement on Wednesday, that the biggest ten sponsors provide UNRWA with more than 80% of its income, and that they will relentlessly work with all their partners to cover the funding requirements of 2018.

He added that: "UNRWA's input in the human development - significantly through its educational and medical care services - is described as something which can not be dispensed, for the dignity of the Palestinian refugee and the stability in the region."



A few days ago, the United States had announced that it will take a decision to stop its funding for UNRWA's programs, until the Palestinians agree to return to the negotiations table with the Israeli occupation.

Palestinians of Syria: January 06, 2018 Statistics:

- The total number of victims documented by the Action Group is 3632, including 463 women
- 1644 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 1,634 days in a row
- 204 refugees, mainly in Yarmouk Camp, have died due to lack of medical care and malnutrition
- Water supplies have been cut off Deraa Camp for 1371 days, and 1211 days in Yarmouk Camp
- The Regime army has been in control of Handarat camp for more than 469 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