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**"Activists accuse the PLO and Palestinian factions of neglecting the crisis in Yarmouk camp"**

- Continuous bombardment of Yarmouk camp amid violent clashes
- Regime forces allow dozens of civilians to cross from Yarmouk camp to Yelda
- Significant participation of Palestinian-Syrians in the Al-Awda Festival, in south Turkey

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## Latest Developments

Palestinian activists and residents have accused the Palestine Liberation Organization and the Palestinian factions, of neglecting the crisis of Yarmouk camp and its trapped and displaced residents all around Syria.

In their messages, which reached the Action Group, and blogs posted on Facebook, the bloggers held the PLO and the Palestinian factions accountable of what is happening to the residents of Yarmouk camp, especially that a number of factions are participating with the Syrian regime in its military campaign on Yarmouk camp, and the resulting damage and displacements.



The activists pointed out that the zero hour has come, and there is no justification for this silence. Therefore, the officials are responsible for their people in Yarmouk and the neighboring towns, and must save the remaining humans and stop throwing them into the unknown. They added that those who have stood up and endured should not be left to the waves to push them, and that they should be given a helping hand and relief quickly, with the provision



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of the guarantee of a decent life. They must remain in the camp since they are leaving to the unknown, not even shelter centers.

The Syrian warplanes launched its air raids on Yarmouk camp and the neighborhoods of Al-Hajar Al-Aswad and Al-Tadamon. It also targeted the mentioned neighborhoods with artillery and rocket-propelled grenades, causing more damage to the civilian buildings in the camp. This came in conjunction with violent fighting between the Syrian regime forces and the Palestinian factions loyal to it, and ISIS, on all the fighting axes in the south of Damascus, where the regime continues to carry out incursions from the axis of Beirut Street and the axis of Al-Qadam neighborhood.

Media sources close to the regime said that its forces progressed on a number of axes and took control of residential blocks on the north-west axis of Yarmouk camp, referring to the arrival of new military reinforcements in Al-Hajar Al-Aswad.



On its part, ISIS stated that it killed a number of the regime's fighters, and ambushed a group belonging to the regime in the Orouba area in Yarmouk camp. According to media sources close to ISIS, 10 victims have been documented.



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In the meantime, the remaining residents of Yarmouk camp are suffering from very difficult humanitarian conditions, in the absence of the means of life, while activists have confirmed that over 15 civilians remain buried under the rubble in one of the cellars hit by the bombardments, killing two refugees and injuring many others.

In turn, the Syrian regime allowed more than 60 civilians, including children, women and elderly people, to cross from Yarmouk camp to the neighboring town of Yelda, after being detained a few days ago for a number of hours, while they attempted to leave through the Orouba checkpoint to the southern towns of Yelda, Babilla and Beit Sahn.

According to sources in south Damascus, the regime previously banned them from leaving Yarmouk camp. However, after local mediation, they were allowed to enter the neighboring town of Yelda via the Oroua checkpoint, which lately fell under the control of the Syrian regime.

The sources confirmed that most of the civilians suffer from medical conditions, including 10 people who were injured during the Syrian regime and its loyal factions' bombardment of Yarmouk camp.

In Turkey, a number of Palestinian-Syrian refugees participated in the Al-Awda Festival organized by the Turkish Association for Solidarity with Palestine 'FIDDAR,' the Popular Conference for Palestinians Abroad and a solidarity campaign in Gaziantep, on Saturday the 5th of March, to mark the 70th



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anniversary of the Nakba and the Great March of Return, in solidarity with the prisoners in Israeli occupation prisons.

The festival included speeches that emphasized adherence to Palestinian rights and the right to return, a theatrical performance by the 'Diaspora' band, which was inspired by the occasion and the Palestinian heritage, and a photo exhibition.

About eight thousand Palestinian-Syrian refugees are living in Turkey, and are distributed across different parts of the country; Istanbul, Reyhanlı, Klis, Gaziantep and Mersin. They are suffering from difficult living conditions, especially with UNRWA's refusal to provide them with any assistance, arguing that Turkey is located outside its working premises.



### **Palestinians of Syria: May 07, 2018 Statistics:**

- The total number of victims documented by the Action Group is 3735, including 467 women
- 1676 Palestinians are locked up behind Syrian government's bars, 106 of which are women



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- Yarmouk refugee camp is under the Syrian regime army and Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine's siege for 1,753 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 1488 days, and 1337 days in Yarmouk Camp
- The Regime army has been in control of Handarat camp for more than 584 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.