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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



**"Military crowds of the regime at the entrances of Yarmouk camp, amid news of the preparation of a battle for south Damascus"**

- Palestinian institutions and events in south Damascus stress on the rejection of displacement
- A resident of Deraa camp in south Syria goes missing
- Syrian regime continues to detain Palestinian doctor, "Alaa Eli-Din Youssef" for the sixth year
- For the second time, Palestinian-Syrian "Bassel Al-Khayal" wins second place in the Physical Championship in the Netherlands

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## Latest Developments

Media sources close to the Syrian regime said that military crowds of the Syrian regime forces and what is known as the "National Defense Forces," which is affiliated to the regime, headed the day before yesterday to the Tadamon neighborhood and the entrance of Yarmouk camp, in preparation for a new military operation aimed at controlling the entire southern region; Yarmouk camp, Tadamon, Al-Hajar Al-Aswad and Al-Qadam, in which ISIS and Hayat Tahrir Al-Sham have dispersed their forces.



In the meantime, social media networks shared pictures the arrival of military columns and crowds of the Syrian National Defense Forces to the outskirts of Yarmouk camp and the neighboring Nisreen neighborhood, with the aim of launching a military campaign against ISIS in Yarmouk camp, Al-Hajar Al-Aswad and Al-Qadam neighborhood.

On its part, the Syrian Watan newspaper said that ending the presence of ISIS in the region will be through a military resolution only. The paper added that the Syrian regime reached an agreement



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with the armed Syrian opposition groups in the towns of south Damascus, which rules that the exit of the armed individuals who wish to leave the region, will only occur with a government guarantee, following the termination of the existence of ISIS and Hayat Tahrir Al-Sham.

For its part, the Syrian opposition forces in south Damascus did not issue any statement confirming or denying the truth regarding signing an agreement with the regime. The Syrian opposition had met a few days ago with a Russian delegation, where the Russians suggested that the opposition fighters settle their situation and stay in their towns or go to the north of Syria, while the Syrian opposition factions asked for a period of time to negotiate among themselves.

The towns of Yelda, Babilla, Beit Sahm and Al-Qadam, are witnessing a truce with the regime since 2014, while ISIS is in control of Al-Hajar Al-Aswad and large areas of Yarmouk camp, Al-Assaly and Al-Tadamon. Hayat Tahrir Al-Sham is dominating Ain Ghazal Street in the north west of Yarmouk camp.

In a similar context, a meeting was held today in the Palestinian Cultural Forum Hall in the town of Yelda, in which a number of Palestinian figures and representatives of Palestinian institutions and bodies, discussed the latest developments regarding the Palestinian refugees in Yarmouk camp and the neighboring towns of south Damascus; Yelda, Babilla and Beit Sahm.

According to our correspondent, the participants issued a statement in which they called for the formation of a unified Palestinian





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committee, which includes Palestinian forces, civil society organizations, and Palestinian personalities and figures. The committee is to communicate with all concerned in order to prevent the displacement of the residents, until they return to Yarmouk camp.

The Committee stressed the need to spare Yarmouk camp the scourge of destruction and neutralize the civilians in the camp of the agony of the bombardments, and to ensure the opening of a humanitarian corridor allowing the entry and exit of the residents of Yarmouk camp to the neighboring towns.

The statement also stressed that the road must be cut on some parties, that are trying to invest in the Palestinian card, which is working to displace the people from the region.

The statement called for addressing the humanitarian files and those of the detainees, revealing the fate of missing persons and ensuring that the sick conditions are taken outside for treatment and returned.

This comes in light of reports of a military campaign targeting Yarmouk camp, and talks of settlements and displacement of the people from Yarmouk camp and south Damascus.

In south Syria, 26-year-old, Palestinian-Syrian refugee, “Mohammed Ahmed Khalifa” from Deraa camp, went missing on the 8th of April, while he was present on the road leading to the Chyah area in Deraa. To this date, no news or information have been revealed about him.



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On their part, the missing person's family issued a distress call to all those concerned, to search for their son and identify his fate.



In the meantime, the Syrian security continues to detain Palestinian refugee, Doctor "Alaa El-Din Youssef," for the sixth consecutive year. He was arrested at a checkpoint in Yarmouk camp, on 25-12-2012. He was a neurologist at Yarmouk camp.

The staff and medical institutions in Yarmouk camp have suffered serious violations by the Syrian army and security, because of the bombardments of the hospitals and targeting of ambulances at times, and the arrest and killing of medical personnel at other times. Dozens of paramedics, nurses and specialists have died as a result of these violations.





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In the European diaspora, and for the second time in a row, Palestinian-Syrian refugee “Bassel Al-Khayal” has come second place in the Physical Championship, in the Netherlands.

Al-Khayal, resident of the Tariq Al-Sham neighborhood, which is opposite to the Aedin camp in Homs, and who had been displaced to the Netherlands, came second place in the Netherlands Physical Championship, on the 19th of March.

A number of Palestinians who fled to the Netherlands from the refugee camps in Syria, achieved great success, including Palestinian refugee “Bahaa Al-Tawba” from Al-Aedin camp in Homs, who came third in the Isala Cup competition in the Netherlands, for carrying 9 kilograms. Bahaa also came third place in his first Open Bodybuilding Championship in Holland, which was held on 27-03-2017, in Capelle Aan Den Ijssel in the city of Rotterdam.

### **Palestinians of Syria: April 08, 2018 Statistics:**

- The total number of victims documented by the Action Group is 3690, 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 1,725 days in a row
- 206 refugees, mainly in Yarmouk Camp, have died due to lack of medical care and malnutrition



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- Water supplies have been cut off Deraa Camp for 1461 days, and 1309 days in Yarmouk Camp
- The Regime army has been in control of Handarat camp for more than 557 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