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"The military operations in Yarmouk reveal the displacement of 7000 people, of which 70% are Palestinians"

- A Palestinian refugee dies during an explosion that hit the Maysaat Square in the capital Damascus
- Ongoing air raids on Yarmouk camp, Al-Hajar Al-Aswad and Al-Tadamon for the 21st day
- The displaced from Yarmouk organize a sit-in against Turkey banning them from entering the town of Al-Baab in Aleppo
- Lebanon: UNRWA announces its re-coverage of natural births
- 45 Palestinian-Syrians died in April 2018, while 13 died during the same month in 2017

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Victims

Palestinian refugee “Bassel El-Desouky,” Professor and Teaching Assistant at the University of Damascus, died of his wounds following an explosion in Maysaat Square in Damascus.



The explosion that shook Maysaat Sqaure left behind a number of victims and casualties, however no further information is known yet.

3738 Palestinian refugees have died because of the ongoing war in Syria since 2012, according to AGPS’s documented statistics.

Latest Developments

Spokesman for the United Nations Secretary-General, Stephen Dugrick, announced in a press release he distributed to journalists in the organization’s headquarters in New York, that the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) reported to the United Nations that ‘The military operation on Yarmouk camp has revealed the displacement of 7000 people, on which 70% are Palestinian refugees.’

The refugees fled to Yelda, Babilla and Beit Sahm, which lie under the control of the Free Syrian Army, in the suburbs of Damascus.



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He also condemned the 'hostile' actions in the south of Damascus, which has killed and injured civilians, as well as the displacement of many of them and the destruction of the infrastructure.



Meanwhile, the Syrian regime forces continue their military campaign for the 21st consecutive day, by launching air raids and bombarding Yarmouk camp and the neighborhoods of Al-Hajar Al-Aswad and Al-Tadamon with explosive barrels and rockets, targeting the sites of ISIS. This has caused great damage and destruction to the civilian houses and properties in the area. The bombardments came in conjunction with the outbreak of confrontations described as violent, between ISIS and the Syrian regime forces and the Palestinian factions loyal to it, killing and injuring members from both sides.

On its part, ISIS announced that it managed to kill and injure dozens of the regime's fighters, and to destroy a tank, while media sources close to the regime confirmed that its members continued to progress in a number of fighting axes on the fronts of Yarmouk camp and Al-Hajar Al-Aswad, noting that members of the regime tightened their procedures against the members of ISIS.



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In Aleppo, the displaced Palestinian refugees from the towns of south Damascus (Yelda, Babilla and Beit Sahn), to the Syrian north, organized a sit-in at the entrances of the town of Al-Baab on Wednesday, in protest against the Turkish army's prevention of the entry of the fifth batch of the displaced from Yarmouk camp and the towns of south Damascus. The 46 buses carrying 1111 refugees, has been banned from entering the Abu al-Zindeen crossing, in the town of Al-Baab, east of Aleppo, for more than 37 hours, despite the presence of ill patients, women and children, who are sickened by the journey and long waiting hours.



The Turkish authorities forced a number of displaced families to remain in mixed and unequipped camps, which were short of the basic services and lacked the minimum living and housing requirements, under the pretext that Afrin's camps reached their maximum capacity.

For their part, activists launched an appeal to the Turkish Red Crescent to work on securing urgent medical care to the patients and children on the buses, who need to rest after the long, travelling hours, in addition to medication and medical follow-up.



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In the meantime, UNRWA announced in a statement it published on the 9th of May, that it will resume the coverage of natural births as of May 1, 2018, after receiving a new donation.

UNRWA denied what was published on social media about its suspension of nose and throat operations coverage, confirming that it will continue to cover these operations in accordance with its hospital policies.

UNRWA had announced that it forcibly had to stop the conversion of "pregnancies unaccompanied by pregnancy risk," by the end of March 2018. UNRWA also added that it would have to end the special hardship fund program, which was supposed to provide support to the Palestinian refugees registered in the Social Security Network Program, and the displaced Palestinian refugees from Syria to Lebanon, by covering the cost of patients with second-level hospitalization in government and private hospitals.

UNRWA noted in its statement that, despite its intensive efforts it made with a large number of donors to find enough funds to guarantee the continuity of these services after March 2018, it did not bear fruit in urging countries to contribute and cover these services, to guarantee their continuity.

At the end of its statement, UNRWA stressed that it is committed to supporting Palestinian refugees and will continue its efforts to raise funding, and urged all donors to increase their contributions to their benefit.



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On its part, the Action Group's Monitoring and Documentation Team said that it documented the death of 45 Palestinian refugees in April 2018, while 13 victims died in the same month last year, as a result of the ongoing war in Syria.

The Action Group noted that the 45 Palestinian refugees who died in April 2018, were distributed across the Syrian areas as follows: 35 refugees died in Damascus, 8 others died in the suburbs of Damascus, one refugee died in Aleppo and one person died in Deraa.

While the Action Group indicated that the 13 refugees who died in April 2017, were distributed across Syria as follows: 5 refugees died in Damascus, 3 died in Deraa, two refugees died in Hama and 4 others died in unknown locations.

Palestinians of Syria: May 09, 2018 Statistics:

- The total number of victims documented by the Action Group is 3738, including 467 women
- 1676 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 1,755 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 1490 days, and 1339 days in Yarmouk Camp



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- The Regime army has been in control of Handarat camp for more than 586 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.