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"Activists: The regime is hiding the fate of dozens of elderly people it arrested from Yarmouk camp"

- Civil gangs with security support steal houses in Yarmouk camp
- Syrian security forces arrest a number of staff in Bisan hospital in Homs camp
- More than 150 Palestinian refugees of women and children are forcibly disappeared in the prisons of the Syrian regime
- The Syrian regime continues to arrest four Palestinian brothers from the Tamim family for the third year
- The children of Al-Ramdan camp affirm their commitment to the right of return to Palestine

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Latest Developments

Palestinian activists from Yarmouk camp for Palestinian refugees in Damascus, have confirmed to the Action Group that the Syrian security systems continue to detain dozens of elderly Palestinian refugees from Yarmouk camp, inside one of its security branches in the town of Al Horjelah, imposing house arrest on them. The Syrian regime arrested about 20 elderly people from Yarmouk camp after regaining control over it on 21-05-2018, where it took them to the Biscuit Factory in Palestine Street, before transferring them all to Al Horjelah Center and placing them under house arrest there, banning them from entering or leaving.

According to the reports received by the Action Group, among the detained in Al Horjelah Center are; “Mr Fawzy Hamid,” “Mr Afif Abu Rashed,” “Abd Al-Rahman Mdardas” and his son Mohammed, “Abd Al-Razak Al-Saady,” “Mohanad Abbas,” “Tohan Qabsy,” “Hassaan Al-Wahsh,” an old man from “Al-Kordy” family, “Om Mohanad Al-Ashkar,” “Abu Al-Abd Salman,” “Amer Kassab,” “Fahd Al-Ashqar” and “Raaefa Al-Sheikh.”





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All the detained are residents of Yarmouk camp, who refused to leave it and insisted on staying despite the bombardments, hunger and the siege. They had a humanitarian and social role in the camp, as well as their intention to neutralize the camp and return its inhabitants to it.

On the other hand, local sources in Yarmouk camp reported that civilian gangs supported by the Syrian regime forces, steal and loot the houses in the camp, without any discipline or supervision.

The sources quoted witnesses as saying that one of the gangs took from one of the houses at the entrance opposite to the Haifa pharmacy, a warehouse of stolen electrical appliances from civilian houses, to be taken outside the camp, noting that the area mentioned is very close to one of the center points of the Palestinian factions affiliated to the Syrian regime.



Eye witnesses also reported that some civilians stole the houses in the area of their residency during the past few days, in front of members of the security forces and pro-regime Palestinian groups.



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Activists stressed that the names of a number of the members of the gangs are known to the residents of the camp from before the events of the war, that they are weak souls and have precedents in theft.

While the Syrian regime continues to steal and loot the civilian houses in Yarmouk camp and the neighboring areas that it took control of on 21-05, in a phenomenon that has become known as defamation.

In Homs, special sources told the Action Group that the Syrian security in the city of Homs arrested five cadres of the Bisan hospital, in Al-Aedin camp in Homs, without knowing any reasons or details about their arrest.

This comes amid the continued detention of 187 refugees from Al-Aedin camp and the Syrian regime's ongoing targeting of the Palestinian medical staff in Syria and the medical infrastructure of a number of Palestinian camps.

The Palestinian refugees in general, and in Al-Aedin camp in particular, are subjected to great constraints by the security systems and the factions affiliated to them, to force them to join the Palestine Liberation Army (PLO), and the security emphasis on the youth in and outside the camp, as well as the ongoing arrests targeting them.

In a similar context, the Syrian security continues to detain more than 150 Palestinian refugees of women and children since the beginning of the war in Syria. They forcibly disappeared and no information about their fate or location are known.

According to the Action Group's Documentation Team, it documented 106 female Palestinian refugees in the Syrian regime



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prisons and 25 detained Palestinian children. The testimonies of the released confirmed the presence of infants in the arms of their mothers inside the prisons. The total number of Palestinian detainees has reached 1676.

Testimonies of the released from the prisons of the regime confirm that the Syrian security forces carry out all types and forms of torture against them. The released refugee “Hoda,” told us of extremely harsh details about the torture and detention the women are subjected to inside the prisons of the Syrian regime.



The Documentation Team indicated that a number of Palestinian women and children died due to torture, confirming that the actual numbers of detainees and victims are much bigger than the documented numbers, due to the silence of Syrian security and the fear of the families of the detainees to give details about their detainees or their fate.

The Action Group stated that a number of the detainees are university students, activists or mothers with or without their children. The Palestinian woman in Syria has been subjected to arrest, kidnapping, death and disability, due to the ongoing conflict



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in Syria since March 2011 between the sides of conflict in the Syrian crisis.

The Action Group previously demanded the release of all Palestinian detainees and the disclosure of their fate, considering that what is happening in Syrian prisons is a crime by all standards.

In a similar context, the Syrian security continues to detain four Palestinian brothers. They are: “Mohammed Bashar Tamim,” born in 1994, “Mohammed Amin Tamim,” born in 1984, “Mohammed Hady Tamim,” born in 1987, and “Aly Tamim,” born in 1992, for the third consecutive year.

The Syrian security forces arrest many Palestinian brothers and families, including women and children, whose fate are unknown until now, while many cases of brothers and families who have died due to torture in the Syrian regime prisons have been recorded, such as three brothers from Al-Hamdan family from Yarmouk camp, and the three sisters from Saad Al-Din family in Al-Raml camp, who died on 30-03-2015.

In another context, dozens of Palestinian children participated in a collective Iftar the day before yesterday, in Al-Ramdan camp in the suburbs of Damascus. During the event, they expressed their commitment to the right to return to Palestine and their support to Jerusalem and the Palestinian people.

The residents of Al-Ramdan camp suffer from a real economic crisis due to the reflection of the manifestations of the conflict in Syria, which caused the spread of unemployment among its population



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and a severe shortage of food, medicines, fuel and an increase in the prices.

Al-Ramdan camp is one of the Palestinian camps in Syria located in the south-east of Damascus, about 50 km away. The nearest city to the camp is Al-Dameer, which is about 9 km away.