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" The General Authority for Refugees confirms its agreement with UNRWA to cancel the Agency's mechanism for updating the data of the Palestinians "

- A cautious calm in Yarmouk camp, and ISIS threatens the opposition in the Qadam neighborhood
- Activists: UNRWA in Syria employs dozens excluding Palestinians
- "Dignity is Priceless" campaign resonates among the students of Neirab camp
- Despite the security stability, unemployment exacerbates the suffering of the people of Raml camp in Lattakia

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Latest Developments

The General Authority for Palestinian Arab Refugees in Syria confirmed in a press release, UNRWA's response to the Authority's demands to amend its revised Palestinian refugee data update mechanism, which was applied by UNRWA lately.

According to the Authority's statement, it was agreed with UNRWA to cancel the mechanism and replace it with the oral notification provided by the refugees to UNRWA.

The General Authority for Arab Palestine Refugees in Syria had requested UNRWA, to suspend its process of updating the data of the Palestinian refugees, after it imposed conditions and requirements that were difficult and harsh for the Palestinian refugees in Syria.

UNRWA asked the refugees to bring an original contract of house ownership or lease, identification card issued by the Syrian government, valid hosting record, security approval for housing, a recent residency support and a recent telephone bill on behalf of the holder, in order to conduct an audit on the individual data of the Palestinian refugees benefiting from the cash assistance and living in Syria, during the first cycle of food assistance distribution for 2018.





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In another context, Palestinians activists accused UNRWA in Syria of employing dozens of people other than the Palestinian refugees, despite the fact that UNRWA is the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinians, and is directly affiliated to the United Nations.

According to several letters sent to the Action Group, the recruitment section of the UNRWA Agency in Syria and its sponsors deliberately employed those who are non-Palestinian and from well-known sects in Syria.

The letters accused the agency's officials, who have had close ties with the Syrian government before, that the heads of departments employ those loyal to the Syrian regime, and employment in this international agency is dependent on the employee's affiliation to the Syrian Baath Party.

An activist asks through his message: “Has UNRWA in Syria become an employer of the Alawites, Druze and Christians? Monitor the accepted names in employment and you will see that all of the names are from the mentioned above.”

In another context, there is a state of cautious calm between ISIS and Hayat Tahrir Al-Sham in the west of Yarmouk camp, with the continuation of the fortifications by both parties.

Our correspondent in south Damascus reported that ISIS threatened the opposition groups in the Qadam neighborhood, adjacent to Yarmouk camp, in the case that they agree to leave the neighborhood. This came after reports that the Syrian regime



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warned the Syrian opposition factions which are in control of the area, to evacuate it within a period of time not exceeding 48 hours.

Our correspondent added that ISIS mobilized its military and security groups in the surrounding area of Al-Qadam neighborhood, threatening to storm into the neighborhood, if the opposition groups agree to leave it.

This comes in the context of severe humanitarian and living conditions suffered by the remaining civilians in the west of Yarmouk camp, after ISIS imposed its siege on the area and the regime's army, the General Command groups and the pro-regime Palestinian factions imposed their siege on Yarmouk camp for more than 1696 consecutive days.

In Aleppo, the students of Neirab camp for Palestinian refugees, interacted with the "Dignity is Priceless" campaign, which was launched by UNRWA to support the Palestinian people, after the major reduction in UNRWA's funding.

The students in the camp made kites with the support of the teachers to fly them, to convey their voice and message to the world on the need to work and support UNRWA.

UNRWA suffers from a great deficit in its budget. UNRWA's emergency programs and major projects, which also suffer from a large deficit due to the decline in United States' aid, are funded.

In Lattika, the Palestinian-Syrian refugees in the Raml camp are living in a state of security stability and calmness, amid the regime's control over the camp and all the areas surrounding it.



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Their suffering is concentrated on the economic side, due to the majority of them losing their work because of the war in Syria. Most of the families have become mostly dependent on the relief assistance provided by UNRWA, to live.

The Raml camp in Lattika is one of the safest camps at the current time, where it is not subjected to the siege and violent bombardments, as the case in the majority of Palestinian camps in Syria.

Palestinians of Syria: March 10, 2018 Statistics:

- The total number of victims documented by the Action Group is 3666, including 465 women
- 1672 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 1,696 days in a row
- 205 refugees, mainly in Yarmouk Camp, have died due to lack of medical care and malnutrition
- Water supplies have been cut off Deraa Camp for 1432 days, and 172 days in Yarmouk Camp
- The Regime army has been in control of Handarat camp for more than 527 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