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"Syrian regime bombards Yarmouk with missile and a state of tension arises among the civilians"

- Infant dies in Yarmouk camp due to the siege and poor medical care
- ISIS launches an attack on the Qadam neighborhood in south Damascus, amid clashes with the regime's forces
- Palestinian-Syrian students in Lebanon fly kites to demand UNRWA's support
- In-kind assistance distributed to 24 Palestinian families in the Lebanese Beqaa

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Victims

An infant from Yarmouk camp died on Sunday 11th of March, as a result of the lack of medical care and the siege imposed on the camp by the regime and the Palestinian factions affiliated to it.

The Action Group's correspondent stated that the 7-month-old baby girl, "Qatar Al-Nada," died of a severe lung hemorrhage, after doctors failed to treat her in Yarmouk camp, adding that her case required that she be transferred to one of Damascus's hospitals for treatment, however the unavailability of this led to her death.



The Action Group's statistics indicate that 206 Palestinian refugees have died because of malnutrition and the lack of medical care, as a result of the siege. Most of the victims are from Yarmouk camp.

Latest Developments

The Syrian regime forces bombarded Yarmouk camp and Al-Hajar Al-Aswad yesterday, with warplanes and heavy artillery shells, causing great panic among the civilians and destruction to the homes of the besieged.



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Our correspondent reported that the regime forces launched three air raids on Al-Hajar Al-Aswad, ISIS's stronghold, as well as bombarding the neighborhood with artillery shells and heavy machine guns, in the direction of Al-Qadam region, which is adjacent to the neighborhood.



Meanwhile, our correspondent confirmed that it recorded the fall of a number of heavy artillery shells on the neighborhoods of the besieged Yarmouk camp, prompting some families and civilians to flee again to the town of Yelda, which lies adjacent to the camp.

Local sources in south Damascus said that ISIS, which is in control of the Orouba checkpoint lining between Yelda and Yarmouk camp, prevented men from leaving the camp and allowed only women and children to pass through. The checkpoint witnessed major mobilization of the members of ISIS.

In the meantime, the Syrian regime and its affiliated Palestinian factions' siege on Yarmouk camp continues, for its 1698th day, as well as ISIS's siege, which is been controlling the camp since April 2015.



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In the same context, ISIS in south Damascus launched a violent attack on the Qadam neighborhood, which is adjacent to Yarmouk camp and Al-Hajar Al-Aswad, ISIS's stronghold. This came after the threats ISIS launched, in the event of consent of the neighborhood's residents and the opposition factions to implement an agreement with the Syrian regime, which allows them to leave to Idlib in north Syria, where more than three thousand civilians live in the neighborhood under the regime's siege, since late 2002.

Our correspondent said that violent clashes are taking place between the Syrian regime forces and its affiliated groups and ISIS, in the Qadam neighborhood, amid reports that ISIS has taken control of the Port Said Garage. Three members of the Syrian regime forces have been killed.

Our correspondent reported based on eye-witness accounts, the exit of a tank belonging to the regime forces from the Sufian Revolutionary barracks, affiliated to the regime in Al-Qaa neighborhood, and headed in the direction of the fighting in the Qadam neighborhood.

Media outlets loyal to the Syrian regime said that ISIS targeted, with several mortar shells, the areas controlled by the factions and the Palestinian coalition forces - loyal to the regime - in Yarmouk camp and the Zahera Al-Qadema area, confirming that the regime forces launched air raids on Al-Hajar Al-Aswad and Al-Qadam axes.

ISIS is in control of the neighborhoods of Yarmouk camp, Al-Assaly, Al-Tadamon and Al-Hajar Al-Aswad since 2015. This has led to the isolation of the Qadam neighborhood from the towns of south



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Damascus; Yelda, Babilla and Beit Sahm, which is controlled by the armed opposition factions.

In Lebanon, Palestinian students in the Beir Zeit School, belonging to UNRWA, located in the Sibliin area in Al-Kharroub province in south Lebanon, flew dozens of kites to appeal to the international community to support the Agency.

In the event organized by UNRWA, the kites flown were blue in color, to represent UNRWA's flag, with stickers that stated: "Dignity is Priceless."

On her part, the Palestinian-Syrian refugee, "Fatima Abd Al-Aal", in a speech delivered on behalf of the students' parents to adhere to UNRWA as the living witness to the Nakba of Palestine in 1948, and that it represents an international acknowledgement that there are Palestinian refugees with problems that the international community has failed to solvet so far.



Abd Al-Aal stressed that UNRWA is the only source which the Palestinians depend on, demanding the international community to put pressure on the American Administration, to discourage President Trump from cutting off the financial aid to UNRWA.



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Flying kites in the Beir Zeit School comes in conjunction with the convening of an international donor conference, scheduled for the 15th of March in the Italian capital Rome, sponsored by Sweden, Jordan and Egypt, in order to fill the deficit resulting from the US decision to reduce Washington's contribution to the UN budget, as well as similar events which occurred in UNRWA's schools in the West Bank, Syria, Lebanon and Jordan. This comes as part of the global campaign launched by the Agency, on 22nd of January, to raise financial contributions to support its fund, under the title, "Dignity is Priceless."

Local Work Committees

In-kind assistance (clothes, stationery, shoes, mazut and blankets) were distributed on Sunday 11th of March, to 24 displaced Palestinian-Syrian families, in the area of Bar Ilyas, in the center of Beqaa.

According to the relief activist, Mohammed Al-Baqaae, the assistance distributed was provided by a benefactor, to the families of orphans, widows and those in desperate need, adding that the Palestinian-Syrian refugees in Lebanon complain of dire human situations, in light of the scarcity and lack of relief assistance.

The number of Palestinian-Syrian families living in the Beqaa area is 950 families, of the 12 thousand Palestinian-Syrian families that fled to Lebanon, to escape the ongoing war in Syria.



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Palestinians of Syria: March 12, 2018 Statistics:

- The total number of victims documented by the Action Group is 3668, including 466 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 1,698 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 1434 days, and 174 days in Yarmouk Camp
- The Regime army has been in control of Handarat camp for more than 530 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