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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



**"Syrian regime bombards Yarmouk camp and intensifies its military forces"**

- The opposition drops a reconnaissance plane south of Damascus
- An appeal to search for a Palestinian who went missing in Syrian four years ago
- 1000 Palestinian-Syrians in the Gaza strip are facing harsh living conditions
- 3 boats carrying immigrants arrive in Greece and 5 others intercept in the Aegean Sea

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## Latest Developments

The besieged Yarmouk camp witnessed the outbreak of fighting and exchanged sniper operations, between ISIS and the pro-regime Palestinian factions, at the axis of the Martyrs' Sector. This came in conjunction with the bombardment of the sector with "RPG" and mortars.

The Action Group's correspondent reported that the camp was subjected to bombardments on Wednesday - Thursday night, and that the Syrian regime and its affiliated Palestinian factions targeted the Main Yarmouk Street and the lanes of east Yarmouk with heavy machine guns, which led to the destruction of civilian houses.

The Martyrs' Sector in Palestine Street, in Yarmouk camp, and Al-Tadamon neighborhood, were both bombarded with directed rockets last Wednesday, sourced from the hall buildings in which the members of the Palestinian factions loyal to the Syrian regime are based in.





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In the same context, sources close to the Syrian regime confirmed the continued arrival of military reinforcements to the outskirts of the neighborhoods where ISIS is present in south Damascus, in preparation for a military operation, that will allow it to extend its control over the whole of the Syrian capital, after succeeding in dominating the eastern Ghouta.

On its part, the Syrian Watan newspaper stated that the start of the restoration process in the south of the capital, is approaching zero hour, in parallel with massive military reinforcements headed towards the region, and the mobilization of Al-Aqsa Shield forces, which is the military wing of the Free Palestine Movement, in preparation for the battle in Yarmouk camp, south of Damascus.

On their part, eye witnesses confirmed to AGPS the positioning of the regime's tanks on the entrances of Yarmouk camp. According to their testimonies, the presence of these tanks comes as a prelude to opening the road in front of the regime's armored vehicles to enter the camp, amid the massive mobilization of the members of the pro-regime Palestinian groups in the same area.

Our correspondent had previously reported that, members of ISIS forced the residents in the buildings extending from Loubia Street to Yarmouk Secondary School for Girls, to leave their homes under the threat of weapons. At the same time, ISIS announced the Martyrs' Sector a closed military zone.

In another context, Jaish Al-Islam, one of the armed Syrian opposition groups, announced that its fighters dropped a reconnaissance plane, above the Basatin Front, dividing between





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Yelda and Al-Hajar Al-Aswad in the south of Damascus. The opposition said that the plane belonged to ISIS.



Meanwhile, activists in south Damascus, accused the pro-regime sectarian groups in the Sayeda Zeinab area, of collecting information on the armed opposition and ISIS.

This comes in the context of talks about the near restoration of the south of the capital, in conjunction with massive military intensifications that headed towards the area, in preparation for the battle in Yarmouk camp, south of Damascus.

In another context, the mother of Palestinian refugee “Nassim Ziad Abu Dehes” appealed to all international, human rights and Amnesty International organizations, to intervene to find her son, who went missing four years ago in Syria, while he was heading to the city of Deir ez-Zour in Damascus.

Abu Dehes’ mother said in her appeal, which reached AGPS, that she is living in extremely difficult health and psychological conditions, after losing her son on the 1st of January 2014, which was considered the sole breadwinner of the family, after his brother died



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due to torture in the Syrian regime's prisons. She added that her son was born on 5/3/1978, and was a resident of the Seif Al-Dawla neighborhood in Aleppo, north of Syria.

The number of Palestinian refugees who have gone missing since the beginning of the Syrian war has reached more than 300 people, according to the documented statistics of the Action Group.

In the meantime, about 1000 Palestinian-Syrians living in the Gaza Strip are facing extremely harsh living difficulties, after fleeing the war in Syria. They are suffering from miserable economic conditions, in addition to their inability to secure housing and work, because of the catastrophic conditions of the Gaza Strip caused by the Israeli occupation. The families complained of what they described as the obvious shortcomings in dealing with their suffering, by UNRWA, the Palestine Liberation Organization and the Palestinian factions.

While the pessimistic atmosphere spread among the Palestinian refugees who fled from Syria to Gaza, after the news of UNRWA's intention to cut its cash assistance that it used to provide as housing allowance for the Palestinian-Syrians in Gaza, which will negatively affect those families who are already suffering from accumulated crises and tragic living conditions, resulting from the siege and the lack of recognition of refugees by the Palestinian Authority, which did not apply its resolutions and promises regarding the refugees, as well as the inability of the refugees to travel abroad, because they do not have a national number.



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On its part, The Joint Coordinating Commission for The Arab Countries Refugees Coming from Syria, Lebanon and Yemen in the region, called on applying the decision of the Council of Ministers issued on 5-4-2016, number 17/97/10 M.O/R.J fro 2016, which rules of the provision of assistance to the families of expatriates from Arab countries to the southern provinces, providing health insurance for families that are not insured and providing job opportunities for those who are able to work and discussing the possibility of providing income-generating projects and housing, in coordination with the Ministry of Public Works and Housing.

In the light of the Palestinian reconciliation, the Authority sent a letter to the Palestinian Prime Minister, Ramy Al-Hamdallah, demanding the implementation of the Council of Ministers' decision, in order to live with a decent, minimum standard of living, according to its description.

The Gaza Strip is witnessing a serious deterioration in the basic services, where 80% of its residents are in need of urgent relief assistance.

In the diaspora, 3 boats carrying illegal immigrants arrived in the Greek islands; two boats to the island of Lesbos and a boat to Chios. A total of 93 immigrants arrived in the country.

While the Turkish Coast Guard intercepted five boats carrying 250 refugees, bound for the Greek islands; Lesbos, Samos, Chios and Mytilini, and they were diverted back to Turkey, despite the testimonies of eye witnesses who confirmed that the boats were near to the regional waters.



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Refugees in the Greek islands confirmed that among the arrivals, were Palestinians who had fled the woes of the war in Syria.

Unofficial statistics indicate that the number of Palestinian-Syrians in Greece is about 400 until the end of 2016, who are waiting for an unknown fate.



### **Palestinians of Syria: April 12, 2018 Statistics:**

- The total number of victims documented by the Action Group is 3692, 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 1,727 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 1462 days, and 1311 days in Yarmouk Camp



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- The Regime army has been in control of Handarat camp for more than 559 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.