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"Violent bombardment of Yarmouk camp kills two and injures many"

- UNRWA suspends its official schools in the Zahera district, in Damascus
- Palestinian-Syrian refugee receives a doctorate degree in business administration
- A Palestinian-Syrian child wins second place in one of the local judo championships in Germany

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Latest Developments

The Action Group's correspondent in south Damascus has reported that the Syrian regime forces, and with the support of the Palestinian factions affiliated to it, bombarded Yarmouk camp for Palestinian refugees in Damascus, killing two people.

According to our correspondent, the regime's planes launched more than 30 air raids yesterday afternoon, targeting Yarmouk camp, Al-Hajar Al-Aswad, Al-Assaly and Al-Tadamon in south Damascus. The aircrafts also dropped a number of explosive barrels, surface-to-surface "elephant" missiles and mortar shells.



He added that the bombardment led to the death of two Palestinian refugees; "Emad Rayan" and "Safwan" who is known as the Jordanian, as well as a number of injured people, resulting from the bombardment of Al-Magharba Street in Yarmouk camp, near the old martyrs cemetery and sports city. The shelling also caused destruction to the civilian houses.

Our correspondent said that extremely violent clashes are currently taking place on the Sleekha axis in the Tadamon neighborhood, next to Yarmouk camp, with heavy and medium weapons. This is in



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conjunction with the presence of Syrian reconnaissance planes flying over the region.

Yesterday morning, the Syrian regime forces bombarded sites belonging to ISIS in Yarmouk camp, where the regime's forces and the Palestinian factions affiliated to it, which are located in the headquarters of the automated telephone center in Palestine Street, used a machine gun 23 to target ISIS's sites in the lanes of Deir Yassin, in Yarmouk camp, causing destruction to the houses of the civilians.

This comes amid talks about a 48-hour deadline for ISIS to get out of the places of its control in areas of south Damascus; Yarmouk camp, Al-Qadam, Al-Hajar Al-Aswad and Al-Tadamon.

The Syrian Al-Watan newspaper had previously stated that the Syrian regime gave ISIS's fighters a deadline of 48 hours, to leave the areas of its control in south Damascus; Yarmouk camp, Al-Qadam, Al-Hajar Al-Aswad and Al-Tadamon. According to the newspaper, the Syrian regime will launch a huge military operation if ISIS refuses to leave, in order to end its presence in the area and regain control of it.

A few days ago, UNRWA called on all sides of the conflict, to exercise maximum restraint in order to ensure the preservation of civilians and to take all measures to prevent unnecessary damage to the civilian infrastructure.

The Syrian regime forces impose their siege on Yarmouk camp, preventing the entry of medicine and medical staff. More than 1500



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families are living under the siege of Yarmouk camp, and they have been banned from securing treatment from the ill and buying their basic food necessities.

Yarmouk camp is located 8 KM away from the center of Damascus. It had the largest number of Palestinian refugees in Syria before the war began in 2011.

In the meantime, UNRWA announced, as directed by the Director of the Education Program, the suspension of the official working hours on Thursday, 19 April, in all of its schools in the Zahera district and Bostan Al-Dour, in order to ensure the safety of students and educational staff in these schools, because of the deterioration of the security situation in the southern region, and the exchange of shelling between the warring parties.

The educational process in Syria has faced many obstacles that led to its halt on some occasions, inside the Palestinian camps in Syria, such as the bombardments, the falling of mortar shells and the exchanged sniping, reaching the destruction of schools and buildings, and the ongoing siege imposed on some of the camps, such as Yarmouk, as well as the arrest of students, the emigration of the educational competencies and experts and the use of fresh graduates of university students, without subjecting them to the necessary preparatory courses, to prepare them for teaching, classroom management and the modern educational technologies.

Meanwhile, Palestinian-Syrian refugee “Wassim Zeid Wannan,” received a doctorate degree in business administration. His research



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was titled: “The role of the manager in motivating staff,” and he graduated with a very good grade from Cairo University in Egypt.

Wassim Al-Wanni said that getting a doctorate in business administration is a great honor for him and his family, and that this is one of many educational achievements he has made, through studying and the continuous follow-up, in light of the crisis he experienced after his departure from Syria and the obstacles he faced. This intensified his insistence to develop himself educationally, as it is the only weapon left for refugees during these difficult times.

Al-Wanni pointed out that despite the existence of many obstacles, he received the certificate thanks to Allah, adding that his success is devoted not only to himself, but to all the Palestinian people inside and abroad, hoping that his achievement should serve the Palestinian cause and the Palestinian people.

Wassim is a resident of Yarmouk camp. He holds many international credits, certificates and a master's degrees in management.

In a similar context, Palestinian-Syrian child “Ahmed Kamal Dahbour” came second place in one of the local Judo competitions that were held in the German capital, Berlin. Dahbour is from Al-Aedin camp in Homs, and he fled with his family to Germany, because of the war in Syria.

It is worth mentioning that many of the residents of the Palestinian camps who fled to Germany, have achieved many successes in the fields of sports, art and science, including: Palestinian-Syrian



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Sculptor “Borhan Mohammed,” from Deraa camp. He held his first exhibition in Germany, in 2016, under the title “Windows.” “Fouad Abu Samir” from Al-Hossaineyya camp, was the first Palestinian refugee from Syria to work in the scientific and technical field in Germany. While Palestinian-Syrian refugee “Bahy Abu Hassan” was the first German in the Scientific Olympic of Biology and Genetics. Palestinian-Syrian “Mosaab Al-Mowaed,” in the Greek camp of Katsikas, cooperated with a number of Palestinian-Syrian immigrants and volunteers from other nationalities, to establish a temporary school for children and adults to teach a range of educational materials and languages such as mathematics, English, Spanish, German, computer, history and science. While the sports body responsible for refugee affairs in Germany, provided the Palestinian-Syrian hero “Omar Hazima,” from Jarmana camp and living in Germany, a coach certificate in karate games - moutai - wrestling in 2017, after continuous training that gained him many experiences.





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Palestinians of Syria: April 19, 2018 Statistics:

- The total number of victims documented by the Action Group is 3698, 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 1,735 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 1470 days, and 1319 days in Yarmouk Camp
- The Regime army has been in control of Handarat camp for more than 568 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.