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" Victims and large-scale destruction after the hysterical bombardment of Yarmouk camp"

- Members of a number of pro-regime groups killed and wounded in Yarmouk camp
- The United Nations calls for the safety of civilians in Yarmouk camp
- In a horrific crime, a Palestinian doctor and her daughter are killed in the suburbs of Damascus



Victims

Four Palestinian refugees have died in Yarmouk camp in the second day of the Syrian regime's bombardments. They are:

Palestinian refugee "Gamal Sameeh Hameed," Abu Khaled, who died while ambulating the injured because of the bombing of the Syrian and Russian planes. He was a resident of the camp and a member of the civil defense.

Palestinian elderly man, "Saleh Mahmoud - Amoury" and his son, "Mohammed Abu Diaa," died after a missile fell on their house in the besieged Yarmouk camp. The family is from the village of Loubia in Palestine and they are residents of Yarmouk camp.



Palestinian refugee, "Anas Bassem Amoury" died in the bombardment that targeted the Hamdan stove region in the camp.

This raises the number of Palestinian refugees who have died in Yarmouk camp since the beginning of the heavy bombardment campaign yesterday, to 6 victims and dozens of injured. "Emad Rayan" and "Safwan Al-Zoabi" died the day before yesterday, in addition to dozens of people who have been injured in the shelling.



Latest Developments

The Syrian and Russian aircrafts launched heavy air raids of Yarmouk camp during the early hours, targeting a number of neighborhoods in the camp and Al-Hajar Al-Aswad and Al-Tadamon neighborhoods, as well as Al-Assaly and Al-Qadam.

Our correspondent said that at 7:20am on Friday, the regime forces and the pro-government factions began a large attack from different axes, in an attempt to storm the camp.

They used rockets and mortars to target Al-Maghara Street, the vicinity of the Cultural Center, Al-Orouba street, the Schools Street, Street 30 and Street 15. This coincided with violent and intermittent fighting in which light and medium weapons were used.

According to activists in the neighboring towns, the number of airstrikes launched by the Russian and Syrian planes on the neighborhoods of Al-Tadamon, Yarmouk camp, Al-Hajar Al-Aswad and Al-Qadam, were 215 strikes since yesterday afternoon and to this moment.





The bombardment reached Palestine Hospital, which belongs to the Palestinian Red Crescent, where it was directly targeted. As a result, Palestinian refugee “Gamal Sameeh Hmeed,” Abu Khaled, died while he was ambulating the injured. The hospital also went out of service. The Action Group monitored dozens of violations performed by the Syrian regime against hundreds of Palestinian refugees, who either died or got injured or arrested, among medical personnel and paramedics.

In the areas controlled by Hayat Tahrir Al-Sham, the regime forces shelled residential neighborhoods with rockets and mortars. According to the sources of Tahrir Al-Sham, the Syrian forces tried to storm the area but failed. They also confirmed that Tahrir Al-Sham’s fighters surrounded a group of fighters and killed 10 of them, while trying to break into the concentration points of Hayat Tahrir Al-Sham in the region of Reija.

Violent clashes are taking place in a new attempt to break in to the area, where heavy weapons and tanks are being used in Rama Street and Street 30 in Yarmouk camp. Sources close to the regime said that the regime forces targeted one of Hayat Tahrir Al-Sham’s sites on the Rama sector, and admitted killing two members of the Popular Front - General Command and the second from the Syrian army. The fighting continues until now.

Activists and eye witnesses told the Action Group large-scale destruction reached the residential buildings and lanes in Ain Ghazal, the building blocks in the west of Yarmouk camp, Maghaba



Street and other areas, as a result of the bombardments that hit the areas, with air raids and rockets.

The besieged Yarmouk camp, witnessed a violent wave of bombing by Syrian planes and the targeting of the neighborhoods in the camp, with rockets and mortars.

Our correspondent said that the Russian warplanes bombarded Al-Hajar Al-Aswad and Al-Tadamon extremely violently, and that the raids increased in late hours of the night, at the rate of two strikes every minute and a half.

He added that the regime targeted civilian neighborhoods, and the locations and stocks of ISIS, noting that one of the raids on Al-Hajar Al-Aswad led to the death and injuries of a number of ISIS's members.

The warplanes also launched two attacks at night, on the Japanese Hospital located on the outskirts of Yarmouk camp, and bombarded the meeting lines with ISIS in the direction of Yelda, and behind the seam lines.

The regime also targeted Beit Sahm, one of the towns of south Damascus, with two rockets from the warplanes, without any reports on deaths or injuries among the civilians. Beit Sahm is one of the towns included in the reconciliation agreement signed with the regime.

On its part, ISIS bombarded the fighting axes with the Syrian regime forces and its affiliated factions, with rockets and mortar shells, in



addition to the seam lines with Hayat Tahrir Al-Sham, causing damage to the residential buildings.

Our correspondent added that the hysterical bombardments carried out by the regime forces and the Palestinian factions affiliated to it, caused great destruction to the houses in Yarmouk camp and the targeted areas, forcing the civilians to hide in the basements and lower grounds of the houses, fearing the bombardments.

The regime forces had launched the day before yesterday, 19th of April, a large-scale military operation supported by the Palestinian factions and those affiliated to them, on Yarmouk camp, Al-Hajar Al-Aswad, Al-Assaly and Al-Tadamon in south Damascus, against ISIS, after negotiations to evacuate the members of ISIS from the camp to the Syrian Badia, failed.

Approximately 6200 Palestinian refugees are living in the besieged Yarmouk camp since 2011, in addition to the hundreds of displaced from other areas, who are unable to leave their houses, and are living in the basements and lower grounds, because of their fear of the shelling.

In the same context, the Action Group's correspondent in south Damascus, reported the death and injury of a number of Palestinian fighters, within the military groups loyal to the Syrian regime in Yarmouk camp.

Media sources close to the Syrian regime confirmed the death of Palestinian man "Mohammed Qassem Badawy," a member of the



Popular Front - General Command Groups, during violent clashes between ISIS and Hayat Tahrir Al-Sham in Yarmouk camp.

The sources added that the Commander of the military wing of the Palestine Liberation Movement - one of the military groups fighting with the Syrian regime - "Saed Abd Al-Aal," was injured during the fighting. Pictures from the sources showed that he was hit in the head and foot.

The sources published pictures of wounded who got injured during the confrontations, and said that the fighters "Hassan Al-Nazzal" and "Hassan Hassan," were hit by shrapnel from a mortar on the front of the Yarmouk refugee camp.

The Action Group has documented the death of 1000 Palestinian refugees, who have died of gunshot wounds during the events in Syria.

In another context, the United Nations expressed its "extreme" concern, towards the safety and security of the civilians in Yarmouk camp for Palestinian refugees, in the south of Damascus., on Thursday.

The spokesman for the United Nations Secretary-General, Stéphane Dujarric, told reporters at the headquarters of the International Organization in New York, "The UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) is deeply concerned towards the safety and security of the civilians in and around Yarmouk camp."



He called on all warring parties to exercise maximum restraint and ensure the safety of civilians and to take all measures to prevent unnecessary damage to civilian infrastructure.

Dujaric demanded all parties to allow the evacuation of medical cases and the safe access to life-saving assistance, including food and medicine, to all the civilians besieged inside Yarmouk camp and the neighboring areas.



“Checkpoints in Yarmouk camp have been closed most of the time in the past few weeks, cutting off life lines from the camp,” he added.

According to UNRWA’s estimations, there around 12 thousand Palestinian refugees in Yarmouk camp and the surrounding areas, of which 6200 are living in the besieged Yarmouk camp since 2011. The remaining are in the neighboring towns of Yelda, Babilla and Beit Sahm, which the United Nations classifies as hard-to-reach areas.

In another context, and in a horrific crime whose true causes have not been discovered, the Palestinian medical refugee, “Lara Hesham Hassan Shehada,” and her daughter “Lama Ehsan Taama”



died in their family house, in the town of Zakiyah in the suburbs of Damascus.

Initial investigations of criminal security have shown that the motives for murder are robbery, where the killers stole 20 thousand American dollars and about 5 million Syrian pounds, in addition to stealing gold bracelets from her home.

However, the forensic doctor confirmed that she and her daughter had been tortured and their bodies acted with before and after the murder, questioning the authenticity of the theft.



Family members confirmed that she had been killed by one of the criminals, who was being covered by others, pointing out that the investigations almost stopped because of some of the betrayers of the homeland and arms dealers.

Refugee Lara is a Pediatrician and comes from the Khan Al-Sheih camp for Palestinian refugees in the suburbs of Damascus, and the town of Zakiyah. She is from the Wahaib clan and wife of Engineer "Ehsaan Taama." She has one son and three daughters, and was known for doing good and helping those in need.



Palestinians of Syria: April 20, 2018 Statistics:

- The total number of victims documented by the Action Group is 3702, 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 1,736 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 1471 days, and 1320 days in Yarmouk Camp
- The Regime army has been in control of Handarat camp for more than 569 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.