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"Despite the silence of the regime and its denial of reaching an agreement with ISIS ... preparations for the evacuation of members of ISIS from the south of Damascus"

- ISIS burns its headquarters in the south of Damascus
- Massive destruction of Yarmouk camp, lanes and houses brought to the ground and families still under the rubble
- Pages affiliated to the regime recognize the phenomenon of defamation in Yarmouk camp and demand the accountability of the perpetrators
- Palestinian-Syrians in Austria commemorate the Nakba

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Latest Developments

The Syrian regime, through its official media, continues to deny reaching any agreement with ISIS for the departure of its elements from southern Damascus to the Syrian Badia. According to the Syrian news agency SANA, there is no truth to the reports of the exit of ISIS' terrorists from Al-Hajar Al-Aswad area, and what is reported by some media is incorrect.

Media sources said that the official denial of the regime is due to internal and external reasons. The agreement and acquiescence to the conditions of ISIS and to not eliminate a few hundred members of the organization, will embarrass Damascus in front of its allies.

For its part, local sources and pictures posted on social networking sites, confirmed the gathering of buses to transport the fighters of ISIS from the south of Damascus to the Syrian Badia, within the framework of an agreement between the regime and ISIS, according to Russia Today news agency.



In turn, media sources close to the Syrian regime announced that an agreement was signed between the Syrian regime and ISIS in Yarmouk camp, which has entered into force since yesterday.



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Local sources confirmed that the bombardment of the regime's forces and groups loyal to it stopped since noon yesterday, with aircrafts flying at low altitudes from the sky of the camp and south of Damascus.

According to media sources close to the regime about the content of the agreement, the fighters of ISIS will come out of south Damascus towards the Syrian Badia in batches, along with the handover of the dead and the bodies of dead regime members, the heavy and medium equipment and plans for mines and explosives planted by ISIS, and the existing tunnels.

In the same context, ISIS burning its headquarters in Yarmouk camp and Al-Hajar Al-Aswad neighborhood in preparation for the evacuation of the area and its exit from the south of Damascus, to the areas controlled by the organization in Syria. Columns of smoke were seen rising from Yarmouk camp, according to pictures broadcast by the "Sout Al-Aasema" website, where ISIS took the homes of civilians as its headquarters and as centers to fortify it in its battle with the Syrian regime.





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In the meantime, massive destruction has been caused to Yarmouk camp, as a result of the violent military operation launched by the Syrian regime on the southern region of Damascus on the 19th of April, using the scorched earth policy to expel ISIS from that region and regain its control. The regime launched more than 3 thousand air strikes to bombard Yarmouk camp, Al-Hajar Al-Aswad and Al-Tadamon, in addition to the involvement of thousands of its members in the ground operation, which caused heavy casualties.

Videos published by the pages close to the Syrian regime and the Palestinian factions loyal to it on social media sites, showed the extent of the destruction of Yarmouk camp, Al-Tadamon and Al-Hajar Al-Aswad, as a result of continuous air strikes that have not subsided for the 29th consecutive day, which led to the destruction of about 60% of the lanes and streets of Yarmouk camp.

Meanwhile, the Action Group's correspondent confirmed that the heavy shelling affected all the neighborhoods of the camp without exception causing the collapse of all the buildings in the lanes of Safad Street, Soforeya, Haifa, Al-Jaouna, Al-Madares, Atta Al-Zir, Noah Ibrahim, the areas surrounding Street 15 and Street 30, Al-Magharba, Al-Orouba and Al-Taquadom, noting that dozens of civilians are still alive under the rubble of their houses for several days, unable to leave because of the large amounts of rubble, as well as the absence of civil defense teams and equipment to remove the rubble and save civilians, pointing to the presence of bodies in the inaccessible cellars.



On the other hand, a number of activists accused all the conflicting parties, the Palestinian Authority and factions, for the destruction and damage of Yarmouk camp, demanding that they cease fighting, rescue the remaining civilians inside the camp and remove those trapped inside the cellars.

Meanwhile, a number of Facebook pages, supportive of the Syrian regime, revealed that members of the regime and the Palestinian factions loyal to it, are continuing to steal the houses of Yarmouk camp, which has become a phenomenon known as “defamation.” One of the pages said that it did not raise the issue of apparent defamation, because it was on a small scale, noting that with the start of ISIS’s withdrawal from the camp, the phenomenon will expand on a wide scale and this is what prompted it to raise the issue on its page.

This page also called on the Syrian state to fight this phenomenon, and to form a local committee to manage the camp after regaining control.

Media outlets close to the Syrian regime had posted on social media sites, a video documenting member of the regime while stealing civilian houses in Yarmouk camp south of Damascus, in a phenomenon that has become known as “defamation.

In a different context, a number of Palestinian-Syrian refugees in Austria took part in a mass demonstration in support of Al-Awda March in the capital Vienna. They affirmed during their participation their right to return to their land and their support of al-Aqsa, as well as their rejection to what is happening to the



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Palestinian people from oppression. The protesters demanded a European stand, in condemnation of the American President's decision to move the US Embassy to Jerusalem.



Palestinians of Syria: May 20, 2018 Statistics:

- The total number of victims documented by the Action Group is 3759, including 466 women
- 1677 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 1,766 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 1501 days, and 1350 days in Yarmouk Camp
- The Regime army has been in control of Handarat camp for more than 597 days. More than 80% of its buildings have been completely or partially destroyed.



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- 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.