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"Bombardment of the Syrian regime causes damage to the houses in Deraa camp"

- Cautious calm in Yarmouk camp with the continued closure of the Orouba-Yelda checkpoint
- The opposition publishes a personal document of one of the victims of the "General Command" in Ghouta
- Hundreds of Palestinian-Syrian refugees continue to suffer in Greece
- Distribution of relief aid to a number of Palestinian-Syrian families in the Beqaa

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Latest Developments

Deraa camp for Palestinian refugees has been bombarded with a number of mortar shells by the Syrian regime forces yesterday, causing destruction to the houses of the civilians.

The residents of Deraa camp, of which 80% of its buildings have been damaged, and the Palestinian families living in the Sad Road neighborhood, continue to complain of the harsh humanitarian conditions resulting from the siege imposed by the regime's army on the camp and its neighboring areas. They are also suffering from an extreme lack of food supplies, in addition to the water, electricity and communication cuts for long periods of time.



In Damascus, Yarmouk camp is witnessing a state of cautious calm, after a wave of bombardments which targeted the areas controlled by ISIS in Yarmouk camp and Al-Hajar Al-Aswad neighborhood, as well as the violent clashes that broke out a few days ago between the Syrian regime forces and its affiliated Palestinian factions, and ISIS, on the Martyrs' Sector axis, the Tadamon neighborhood and Palestine Street.



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On his part, the Action Group's correspondent confirmed that the western side of Yarmouk camp, which is controlled by Hayat Tahrir Al-Sham, has been calm for the past few days, adding that ISIS is still imposing its tight siege on the area, preventing the residents from leaving or entering the region.

Our correspondent indicated that the armed Syrian opposition factions in south Damascus is still closing the Orouba checkpoint, which links between Yarmouk camp and Yelda, aggravating the humanitarian suffering of the besieged civilians inside the camp significantly, especially regarding securing medicine for the patients and providing the necessary food supplies.

The armed Syrian opposition in Yelda closed the Orouba checkpoint completely with dirt mounds, on the 17th of March 2018, which was considered the last port available for the people, linking between Yarmouk camp and the neighboring towns.

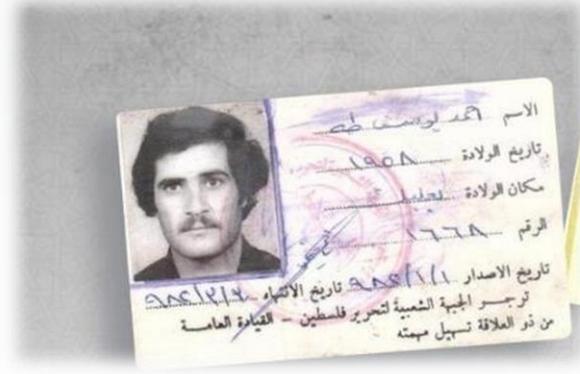
In another context, media websites close to the Palestine Liberation Army, one of the Syrian opposition factions, published personal documents of a number of victims who died while fighting alongside the Syrian regime forces in the eastern Ghouta, including a member of the Popular Committee - General Command, one of the Palestinian factions loyal to the regime.

The personal document issued by the General Command in 1981, shows the name of the victim "Ahmed Youssef Taha," his birth date 1958, and his place of birth in the Lebanese city of Baalbak. A number of victims loyal to the Palestinian factions who have died



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while fighting alongside the Syrian regime forces have been documented.



The Palestinian factions loyal to the regime recruit a number of young men from the Palestinian camps, in exchange for money, taking advantage of the tragic and living conditions experienced by the residents of the camps, of unemployment and the lack of financial resources, and sends them to the fighting fronts against the armed opposition groups, under the pretext of protecting the Palestinian camps.

In the meantime, approximately 400 Palestinian-Syrian refugees are stranded on the Greek islands (Chios, Samos and Lesbos-Mytilene), are suffering from severe humanitarian conditions as a result of their marginalization and the lack of aid reaching them by the Greek government, which is now dealing with their asylum requests on the island of Chios in Greece, very slowly due to the large number of refugees.

On his part, one of the Palestinian-Syrian refugees stranded on Chios Island stated that Greek authorities deliberately neglects them and refuses to transfer them from the islands to the Greek



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cities, adding that a number of refugees got an approval three months ago to be transferred to Athens, however the Greek government did not implement the decision.

A group of refugees organized a peaceful protest on 15-11-2017, against their terrible conditions in Chios, and the slow procedures of solving the refugees' cases in Vial camp, on the Greek Island of Chios.



Local Work Committees

In-kind assistance (mazut and food parcels) were distributed on Wednesday 21st of March 2018, to a number of the Palestinian-Syrian families displaced to the Lebanese Beqaa. The aid was provided by the Australian “International Aid” Organization, was distributed to 50, very poor, Palestinian-Syrian families, and 15 chronically ill patients.

On their part, representatives of the organization promised to continue providing their relief aid, to cover as many possible of the Palestinian-Syrian families, noting that their decision came after they saw the size of the suffering, the tragedy and the terrible



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humanitarian conditions that the Palestinian-Syrian families in the Lebanese Beqaa are experiencing.

The number of Palestinian-Syrian families living in the Lebanese Beqaa is 950 families, who fled to Lebanon to escape the ongoing war in Syria.

Palestinians of Syria: March 22, 2018 Statistics:

- The total number of victims documented by the Action Group is 3684, including 467 women
- 1673 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 1,708 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 1444 days, and 184 days in Yarmouk Camp
- The Regime army has been in control of Handarat camp for more than 539 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