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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"11 Palestinian refugees died in the ongoing clashes in south Damascus"

- The bombardment of Yarmouk camp continues for the fourth day in a row, amid continuous silence
- The regime forces capture Palestinian "Wassim Ghoneim," a member of ISIS
- Abd El-Hady: The Syrian state confirmed its keenness on the residential areas and infrastructure in Yarmouk camp
- The Association of Palestinian Scholars Abroad condemns the systematic destruction and ongoing massacre in Yarmouk camp
- Wafaa: demands the cessation of military operations in Yarmouk camp and the opening of safe corridors for civilians

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Victims

The Action Group's Monitoring and Documentation Team said that 11 Palestinian refugees died on Sunday, as a result of the ongoing fighting and battles that broke out in Yarmouk camp and the southern region, including an elderly man, a member of the Palestinian Liberation Army, two members of the Fath Al-Intefada Movement, 5 leading members of the Commandos, a member of Hayat Tahrir Al-Sham and a member of the Free Palestine Movement.

The Monitoring Team stated their names; Palestinian elderly man "Marawan Mahmoud Oqla," Abu Ahmed, who died following the Syrian regime and its affiliated Palestinian factions' bombardment of the Zein neighborhood, neighboring to Yarmouk camp in south Damascus. The



seventy year old was resident of Tiberias city in Palestine. Palestinian refugee "Feras Zeinab" died during the incursion on the Yarmouk Secondary School axis. He is a member of the Free Palestine Movement.

Three members of the Fath Al-Intefada Movement, which is affiliated to the Syrian regime, died during the clashes that broke out with ISIS in Yarmouk camp. They are: "Yassin Mahmoud



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Maatouq” born in 1972, “Fouad Ghazy Hassan,” born in 1974 and resident of Jarmana camp, during an attempt to break into the residential blocks controlled by ISIS, on the axis of Palestine Street.

20-year-old Palestinian refugee, “Mohammed Nour Emad Samour,” from Al-Aedin camp in Homs and a member of the Palestinian Liberation Army, died while fighting alongside the Syrian regime forces, in the ongoing clashes in the Qadam area, in south Damascus.

Palestinian refugee “Shady Al-Saad,” a member of Hayat Tahrir Al-Sham, died during the clashes that broke out in the west of Yarmouk camp, between Hayat Tahrir Al-Sham and the Syrian regime forces and the Palestinian factions affiliated to it.

On its part, the leadership of the Commandos forces mourned five of its members; “Khalil Adnan Ibrahim,” “Shady Hashim Ibrahim,” “Mayzar Taha Al-Mohammed,” “Mohammed Tareq Yehya Halawa” and “Ahmed Mohammed Qassem,” who died during the fighting that broke out on the axis of Palestine Street in Yarmouk camp, between ISIS and the Syrian regime forces and the Palestinian factions affiliated to it.





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Latest Developments

For the fourth consecutive day, Yarmouk camp for Palestinian refugees in Damascus has been bombarded continuously with the Russian and Syrian airplanes and artillery rockets, where the Russian and Syrian warplanes launched more than 80 air raids targeting the neighborhoods of Yarmouk camp, Al-Hajar Al-Aswad and Al-Tadamon in south Damascus and more than 100 sorties were flown in the area.

The helicopters threw more than 30 explosive barrels on the neighborhoods of Yarmouk camp and Al-Hajar Al-Aswad, while more than 45 surface-to-surface “elephant” missiles and hundreds of rocket and mortar shells fell, in conjunction with the intense flight of reconnaissance aircrafts.

The regime forces and the Palestinian Liberation Army bombarded the buildings with sweeping 77-UR, high impact swivel hoses, which was manufactured to detonate the mines planted on the roads. According to eye witness accounts, the bombardments caused large-scale destruction to the residential neighborhoods and fires in the civilian houses.





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While activists and residents of Yarmouk camp criticized the international and Palestinian silence in front of the bloodshed of Palestinian refugees in Yarmouk camp, and the systematic destruction of residential neighborhoods by the Syrian and Russian regimes.

They also demanded through the social network pages, the international institutions, the PLO and the Palestinian factions to move to neutralize civilians and save the remaining infrastructure in the besieged Yarmouk camp.

In the same context, the Syrian regime forces and Palestinian factions loyal to it announced that they captured Palestinian “Wassim Ghoneim,” one of the fighters of ISIS, on the axis of Yelda - Zein neighborhood. Ghoneim left ISIS six months ago, and was fighting alongside Hayat Tahrir Al-Sham before it.

For its part, the Syrian regime and the Palestinian factions’ official social media pages published pictures that confirmed his capture by the Syrian regime forces.

On his part, the Director General of the Political Department of the PLO in Syria, Ambassador “Anwar Abd El-Hady,” said that the Syrian air strikes on the positions of ISIS in Yarmouk camp, continues to this moment.

Abd El-Hady added to the “Sout Palestine” radio station, that the Syrian State confirmed its keenness to distance its strikes from the residential areas and to maintain the infrastructure in the Yarmouk camp. Abd El-Hady noted that the number of Palestinian refugees



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remaining in the camp does not exceed 200-300 refugees, meaning that the majority have fled the camp.

Abd El-Hady mentioned that the Syrian airstrikes continued, amid ISIS's refusal to commit to the agreement reached lately, because there are references to them asking them not to come out, and the presence of conflicts between them, noting the continuity of communication with the Syrian State.

On its part, the Association of Muslim Scholars Abroad condemned with the strongest terms, the continued air raids performed by the Russian and Syrian warplanes on Yarmouk camp and the southern region of Damascus, for the fourth day. The Association indicated that thousands of the Palestinian and Syrian people are still besieged under the bombardments with rockets and explosive barrels that do not calm, unable to bury their martyrs. Many martyrs are still under the rubble.

In its statement which reached the Action Group, the Association stressed that the chaotic bombardments targeting Yarmouk camp are criminal acts performed by the Syrian regime, along with Russia and Iran, and that this condemned crime targeting the Palestinian people and Yarmouk camp, which is the capital of the Palestinian diaspora, is a blatant aggression on the Palestinian cause as a whole, and it exposes the lies of the resistance and opposition, which is sung by those who killed the Palestinian and Syrian people equally. This comes in the framework of working on the liquidation of the right of return, which is only in the service of the Zionist enemy.



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The Association did not expect the official Palestinian silence, following the horrific crime, and demanded everyone to move rapidly to put an end to this massacre and save the lives of thousands of civilians, who are being exterminated in Yarmouk camp and its surrounding areas, warning everyone of the consequences of their abandonment of their people and leaving them in the face of death and destruction alone.

The Association called on the Palestinian people inside Palestine and beyond it, in the camps and gatherings, to move to protest against the horrific massacre against Yarmouk camp and its people, and to interact with all the available means, to bring the voice of those trapped under the bombardment to the whole world.

In the conclusion of its statement, the Association called on the Islamic World to move urgently to save what remains of Yarmouk camp and its people, and to provide the financial and psychological support needed.

In the meantime, the European Wafaa Campaign called on all military parties to an immediate cessation of hostilities in Yarmouk camp and its surrounding in the south of the Syrian capital, Damascus. The Campaign demanded in its statement, of which a copy reached the Action Group, a humanitarian truce and the opening of safe corridors to allow the exit of civilians from the camp, and called for the the treatment of civilian casualties and the burial of victims.

The Campaign confirmed in its statement its willingness to begin providing emergency relief assistance to the people of Yarmouk



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camp on Monday 23-04-2018, and stressed on the need to respect human rights and facilitate the tasks of the Campaign, in providing food and medical support to the civilians in Yarmouk camp.

Palestinians of Syria: April 22, 2018 Statistics:

- The total number of victims documented by the Action Group is 3708, 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 1,738 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 1473 days, and 1322 days in Yarmouk Camp
- The Regime army has been in control of Handarat camp for more than 571 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.