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"The regime arrests a number of elderly people from Yarmouk camp, including members of the Palestinian National Authority"

- Majdalani: The Palestinian leadership attaches special importance to discussing the convening of an international conference to finance the reconstruction of Yarmouk camp
- Al-Amry: asks the head of the Syrian regime to intervene to stop the looting of Yarmouk houses
- A displaced resident of Yarmouk camp drowns near Deir Balout camp in northern Syria
- Palestinian-Syrians in Lebanon demand UNRWA to intervene to stop the looting and confiscation in Yarmouk camp
- "Nady Khaled Al-Khaled's" family renews its appeal to reach the missing body of its son in Turkey

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Latest Developments

The Action Group has received reports that the Syrian regime arrested almost twenty elderly people from Yarmouk camp, yesterday.

On its part, media sources told the Action Group that among those arrested, were members of the Palestinian National Authority, noting that out of the identified detainees, are “Mr Fawzy Hameed” and “Mr Afif Abu Rashed,” who refused to leave the camp for the past few years, in order to neutralize Yarmouk and return its people to it.



On their part, a number of activists called on the PLO and the Palestinian factions and embassy in Damascus, to intervene with the Syrian regime in order to release them, especially as they are old and some suffer from chronic diseases.

Meanwhile, Ahmed Majdalani, Member of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization, asserted that "The Palestinian leadership attaches particular importance to the search for an international conference, to finance the reconstruction, in



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partnership with related parties and specifically the Syrian government, as it is the host country."

According to Palestinian media, this came in a discussion held by Majdalani on Wednesday, with the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA), Pierre Krähenbühl, where he discussed the latest political updates and developments in Yarmouk camp, and the possibility of working on reconstructing the camp.

Majdalani discussed the difficult humanitarian situation of the Palestinian refugees in Syria and Lebanon, especially in Yarmouk camp, where reports indicate the mass destruction of the camp and the lack of infrastructure. This requires cooperation with the Syrian government and the Agency, for reconstruction, beginning with the of the destroyed houses and the provision of the the basic necessities of life.



Majdalani pointed to the difficult financial situation experienced by the Agency due to the US pressures and the halt of its funding, as it works to fill the budget deficit to play its role and function.



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For his part, Krähenbühl said that "UNRWA" is ready to work on the subject of Yarmouk camp after limiting the damage and stabilizing the situation, allowing visits to be made to it in the near future. He hoped that UNRWA's institutions, including schools and health clinics were not severely affected, which contributes to the return of the citizens to their places of residence and to their normal lives.

He also stressed on the importance of reconstruction and working seriously, despite all the difficult conditions, in order to fill the deficit in the budget, as well as the ability to mobilize financial support for the reconstruction of Yarmouk camp.

In a similar context, "Mohammed Al-Amry," member of what is known as the National Reconciliation Commission in Yarmouk camp and the southern region, demanded the Syrian President "Bashar Al-Assad," to intervene to stop the looting of the houses of the residents of Yarmouk camp (phenomenon of defamation).

According to Al-Amry's publication on his Facebook page, the phenomenon is disproportionate to the great sacrifices of the regime's army and legendary steadfastness.

In the Syrian north, elderly man "Abu Aziz Al-Shehaby," displaced from south Damascus to the Deir Balout camp in the Syrian north, drowned to death while trying to save the life of a young man from drowning in the river near the camp.

This is the second case similar case, where a resident of south Damascus has drowned in the adjacent river to Deir Balout camp, where people swim in the river in order to relieve themselves of the



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high temperatures in the camp's tents, in which they suffer from difficult living conditions.



In Lebanon, hundreds of displaced Palestinian refugees from Syria to Lebanon have called on all international actors and human rights organizations, including the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East UNRWA, to pressurize the the Syrian regime to stop the theft, looting and appropriation of civilian property in Yarmouk camp, pointing out that the images that were leaked during the last days showing what has become known as the defamation phenomenon, comes with the approval of the Syrian regime in order to insult the Palestinian people in general and the people of Yarmouk camp in particular, to stand in the position of positive neutrality in the Syrian crisis.

For his part, Omar (a pseudonym) stressed that UNRWA abandoned the residents of Yarmouk camp and did not issue any statement condemning the theft and destruction of the camp. Instead, it issued only statements demanding that the international community finance the Agency for the reconstruction of the camp,



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considering these statements to be official corroborations by UNRWA.

In addition, Yusuf (a pseudonym) denied that UNRWA did not enforce the legal protection of the Palestinian-Syrian refugees, whether they were in Syria or those who had been displaced to neighboring countries. He expressed his dissatisfaction with UNRWA, despite its financial assistance to the Palestinians of Syria, for not playing its main role effectively, and for merely standing by the spectator, the debtor and the spectator of the violence against the Palestinian-Syrian refugees.

Meanwhile, the family of the refugee "Nady Khaled Al-Khaled" from the residents of Jaramana camp, and born in 1977, renewed its appeal to all the official and active authorities in Turkey to help them reach the body of the deceased, and arrange his burial. His body is located in a hospital in the Turkish city of Adana.

According to the deceased's wife, she told the Action Group that her husband had suffered a heart attack following his release from one of the opposition's prisons in Idlib. He was tortured for 8 days before his release, and was transferred to a hospital in the city of Idlib and then transferred to the Hayah Hospital in the Ottoman region of Turkey, to complete the urgent treatment where he passed away. His body was later taken to a hospital in the city of Adana.

The family in Lebanon appealed to all parties working in Turkey and those concerned with refugees' affairs, to assist them in reaching the body of the deceased and completing the burial ceremony.



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Palestinians of Syria: May 24, 2018 Statistics:

- The total number of victims documented by the Action Group is 3761, 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 1,769 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 1504 days, and 1353 days in Yarmouk Camp
- The Regime army has been in control of Handarat camp for more than 600 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.